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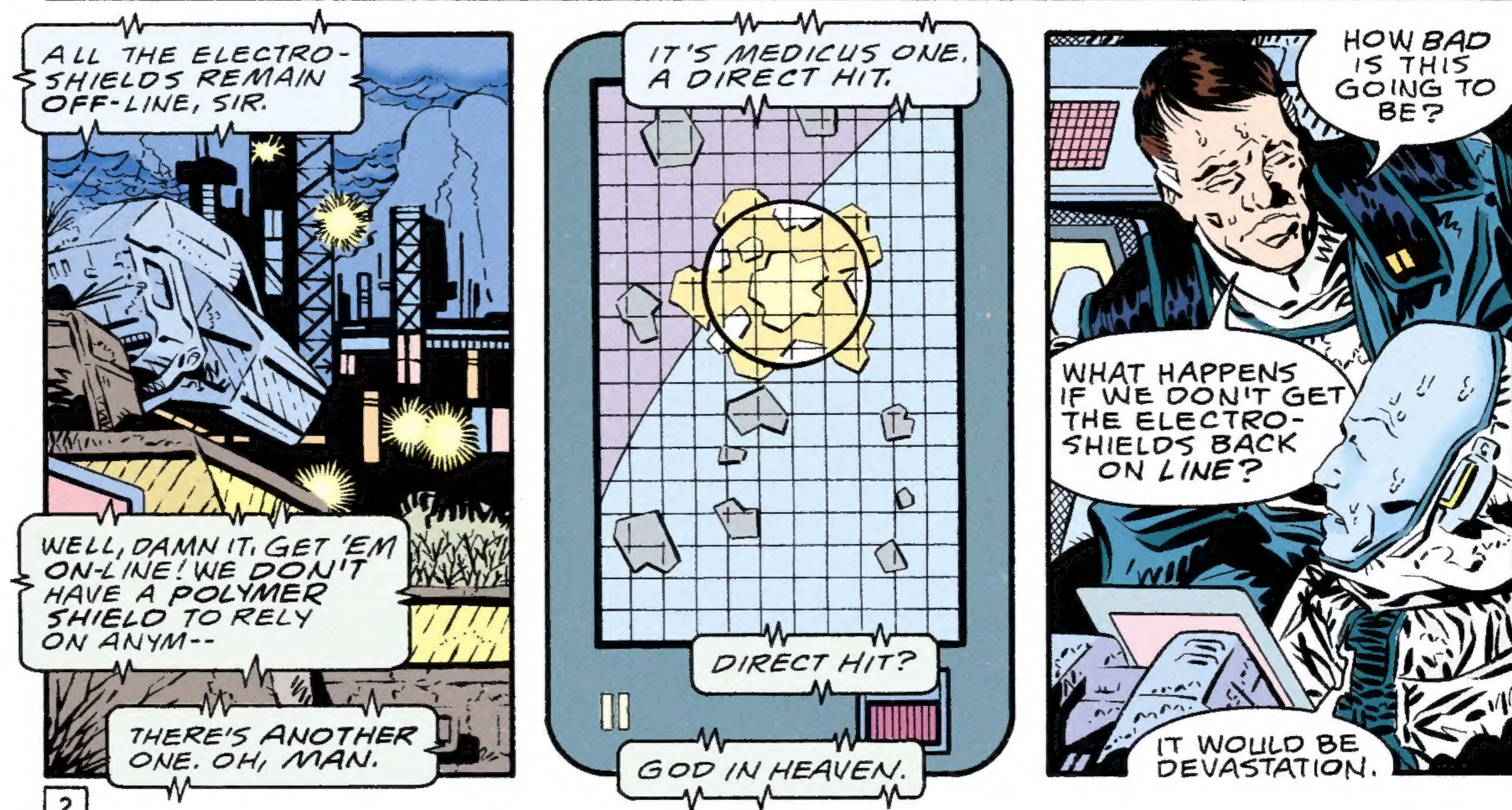
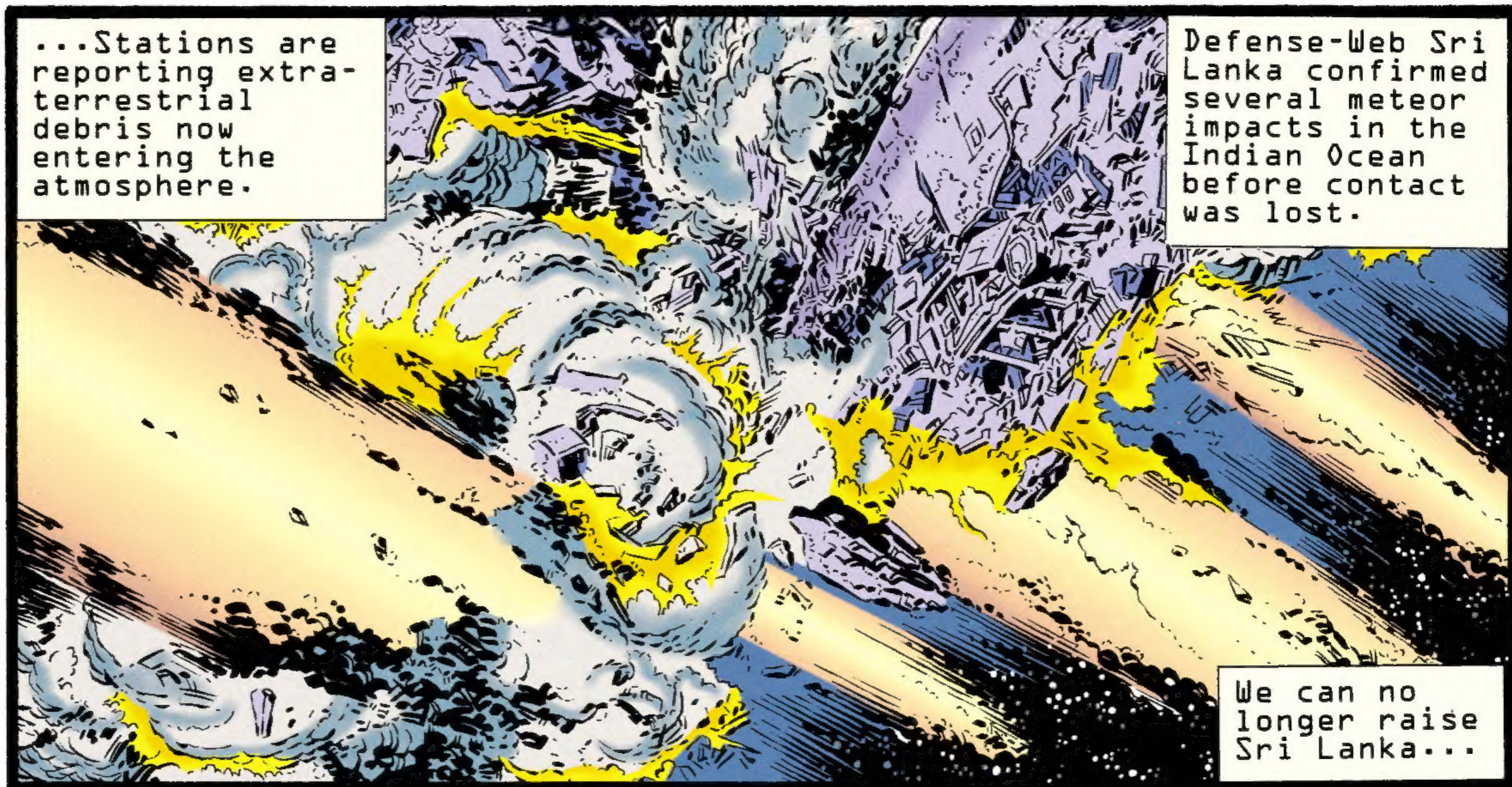
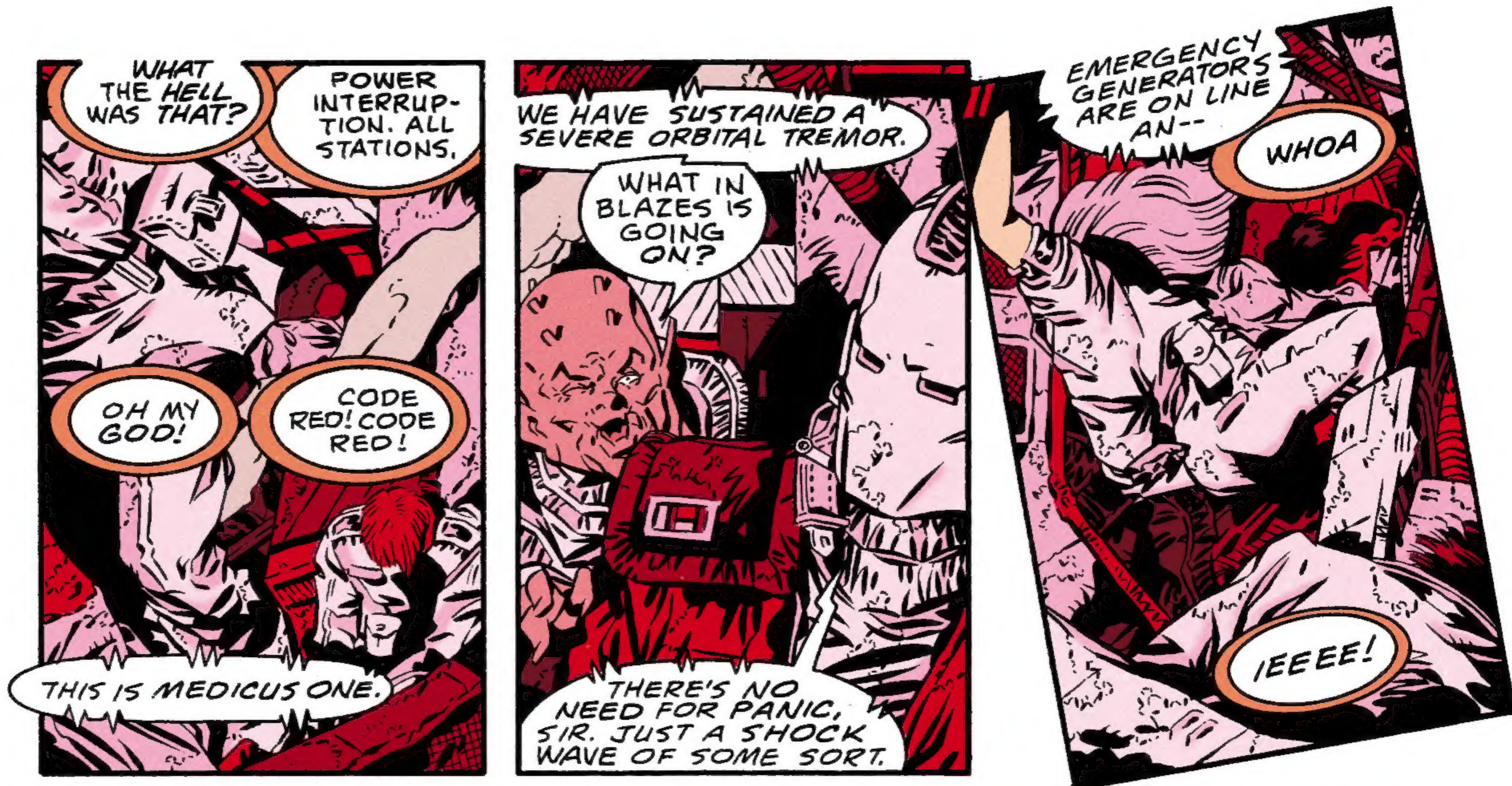
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Earthweb Alert
System. This is
a Code-Two Alert.
Repeat. This is a
Code-Two Alert.

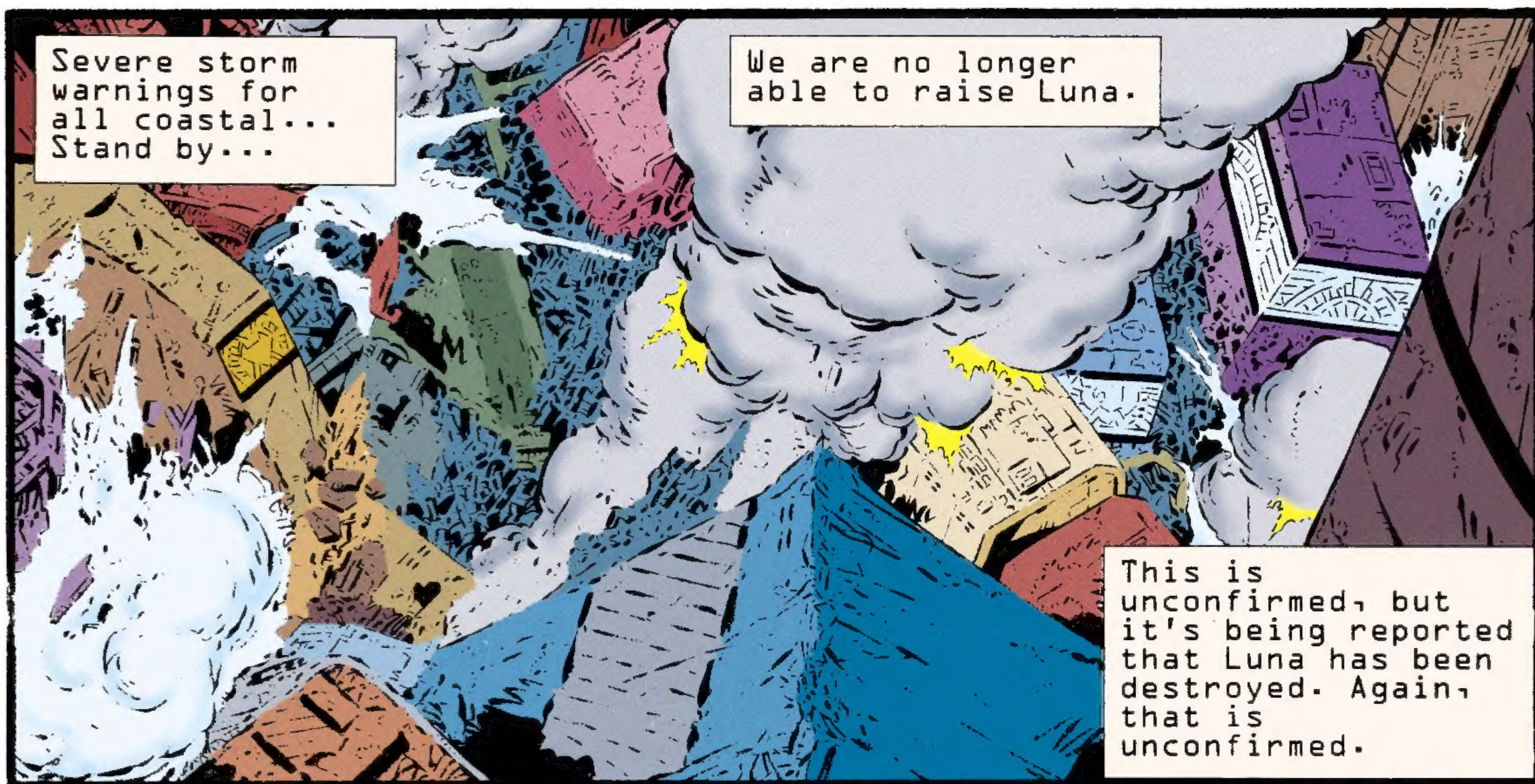
There has been a
celestial event
of tremendous
proportions
generating a
flare of light
several times the
magnitude of Sol.

In the vicinity
of...Confirmed.
In the vicinity
of Luna. Stand by
for shock wave.

All points are
advised to stand
by for shock
wave. This is the
Earthweb Alert
System...







Severe storm warnings for all coastal... Stand by...

We are no longer able to raise Luna.

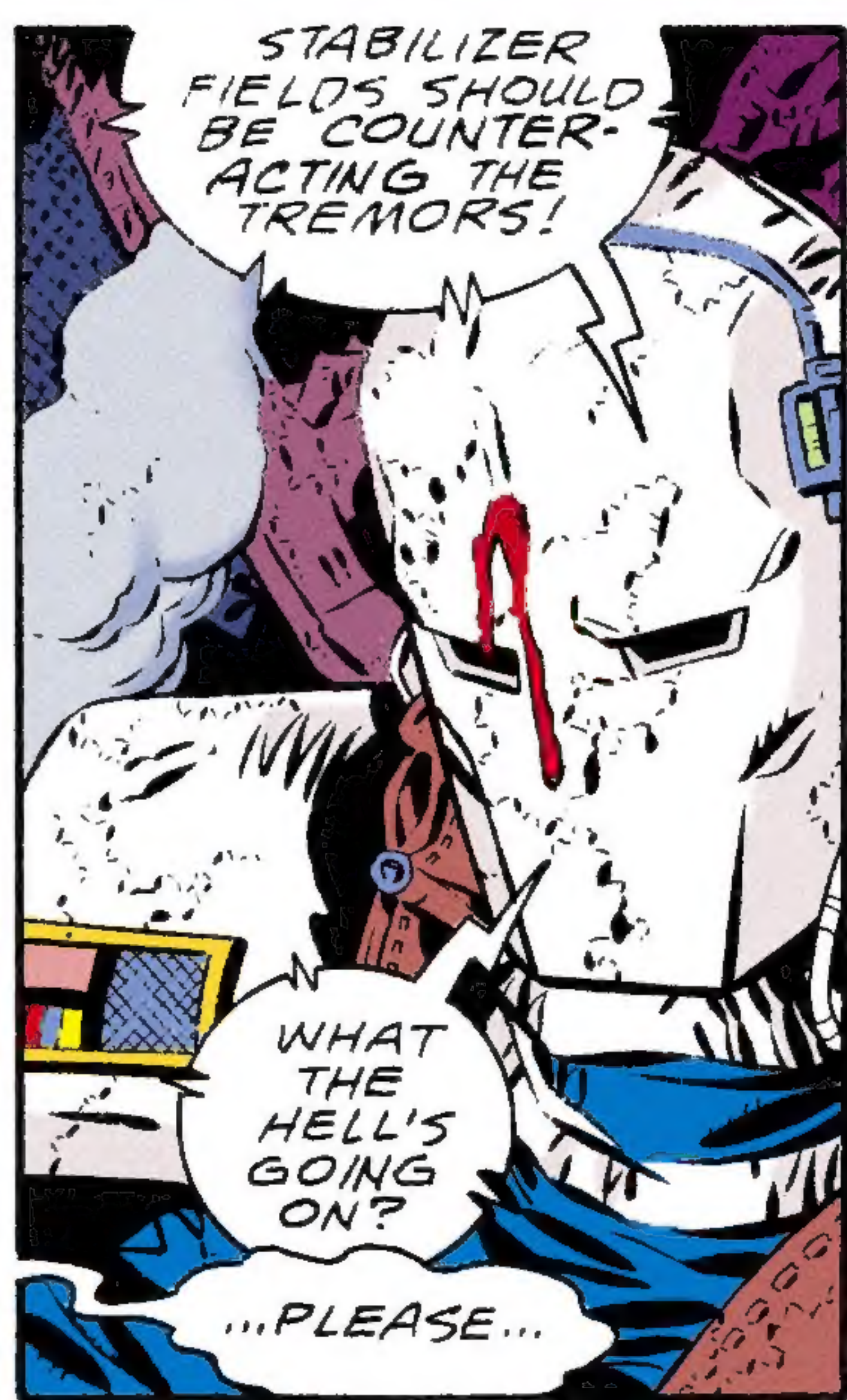
This is unconfirmed, but it's being reported that Luna has been destroyed. Again, that is unconfirmed.



THE CALIFORNIA COAST...

THIS SHOULDN'T BE HAPPENING, DAMN IT!

...HELP ME
...OH, GOD
...MY LEG...



STABILIZER FIELDS SHOULD BE COUNTER-ACTING THE TREMORS!

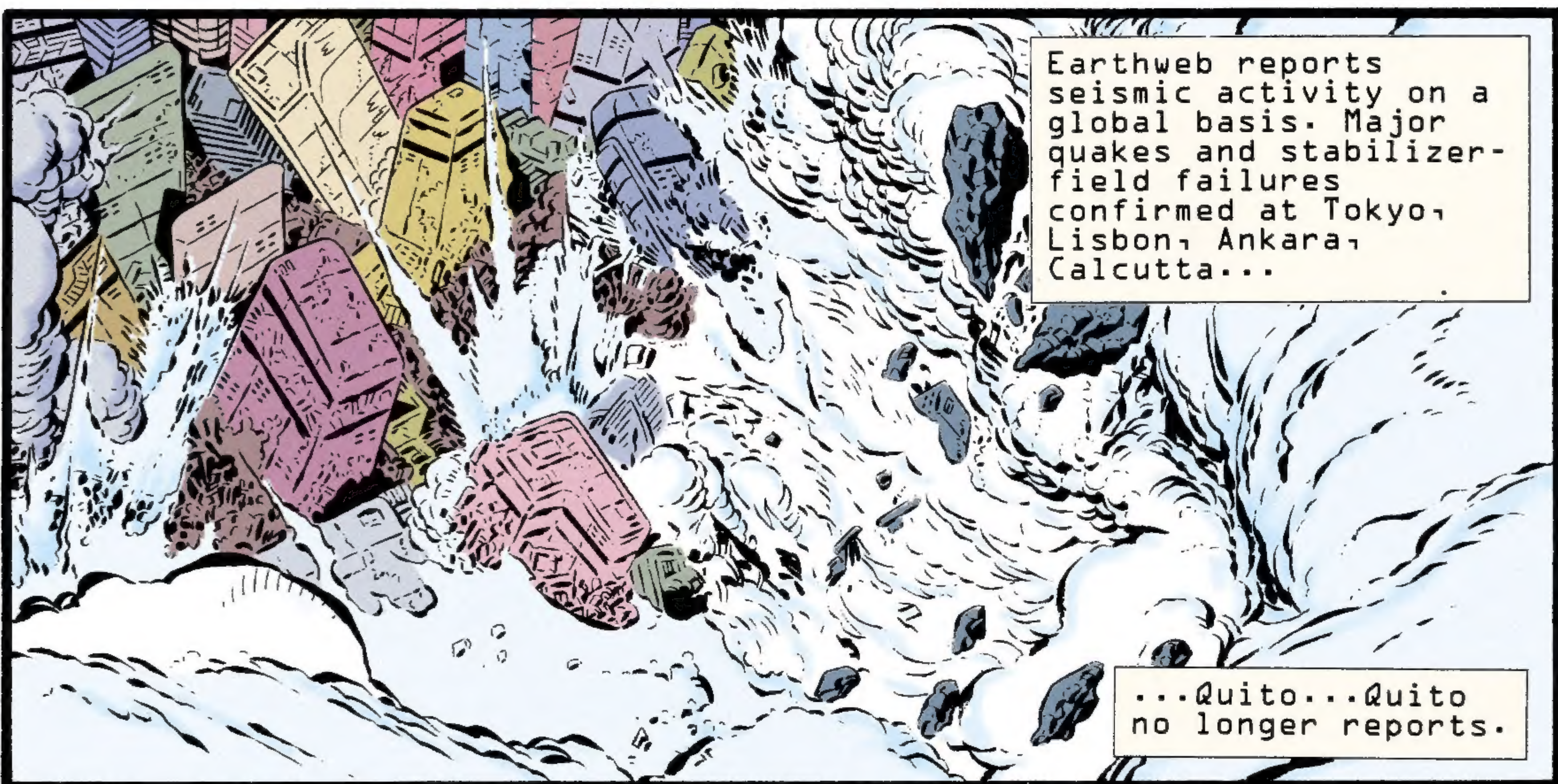
WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON?

...PLEASE...



AAUGH!

DAMN!



Earthweb reports seismic activity on a global basis. Major quakes and stabilizer-field failures confirmed at Tokyo, Lisbon, Ankara, Calcutta...

...Quito...Quito no longer reports.

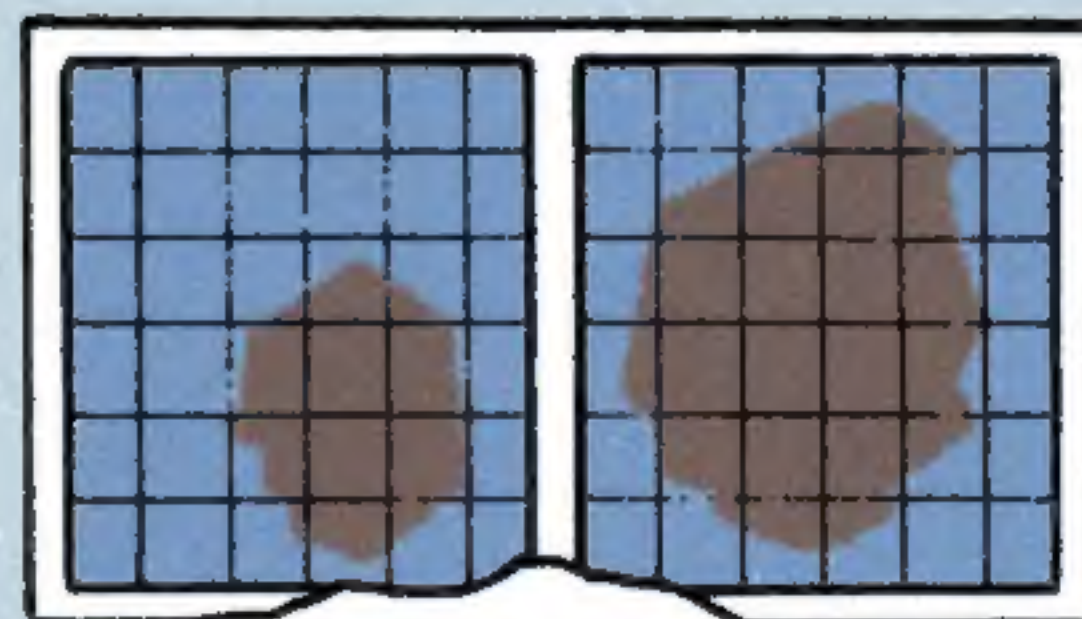
METROPOLIS.



PRREDATORR III RREPORTS,
ah, MOST MAJORR LUNARR
FRRAGMENTS HAVE CARRIED
CLEARR OF EARRTH...

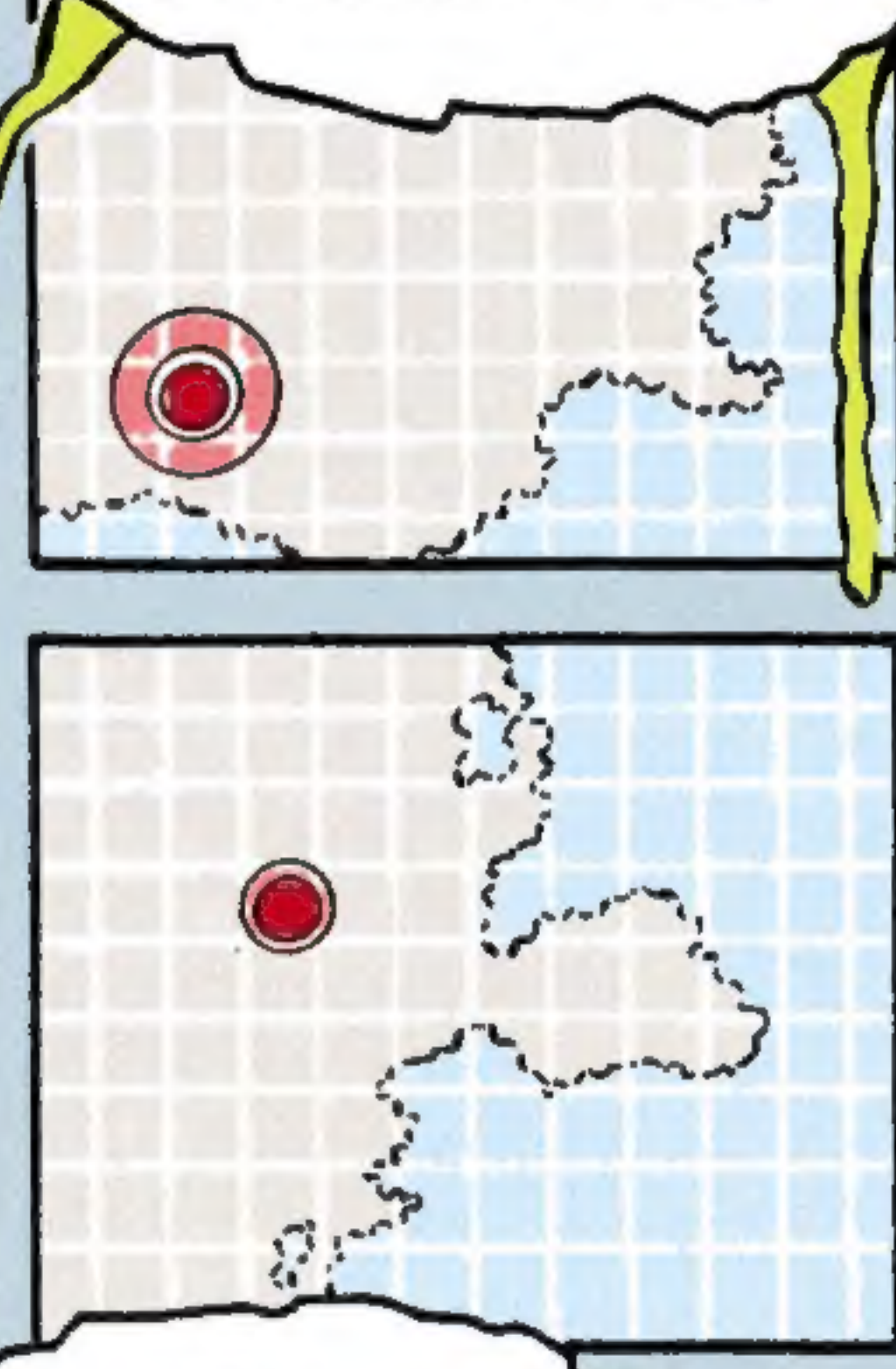
WITH, ah, ah TWO
SIGNIFICANT
EXCEPTIONS.

THESE
FRRAGMENTS WILL
HIT WITH, ah,
MAGNITUDE-ONE
FORCE.



PROJECTED
POINTS OF
IMPACT?

NEAR, ah, BAGHDAD
AND RRIO DE
JANEIRRO. NO SIG-
NIFICANT RRISK TO
US OR THE, ah,
CHAMBERRS.



THAT IS
UNFORTUNATE.

IT IS UNFORRTUNATE
THAT WE SHOULD BE
ON-PLANET WHEN THE
TRIPLE-STRIKE
PRROGRRAM IS
ENGAGED.

PERRHAPS
THERE'S
BEEN, ah,
PRROGRRSS
TOWARRD
SHUTDOWN.
TECHNICIAN,
RREPORT.

YES, MY
SUPERIORRS.

TRIPLE-STRIKE
WAS ACTIVATED
WITHOUT AUTHORR-
IZATION FROM
LUNA.

BUT OVERRRIDES ARRE
ACCESSIBLE. THE
PRROBLEM APPEARRS
SOLVABLE.

IT WOULD BE, ah,
HIGHLY DESIRRABLE
THAT YOU OVERRIDE
BEFORRE THE, ah,
ah, FINAL
COMMAND.

YES.
SEE THAT
YOU DO SO,
TECHNICIAN.

DISTRRESS-ALERRT!
DISTRRESS-ALERRT!

THE
PRREDATORR
II!

METEORR IMPACT!
WE'RRR OUT OF
ORRBIT! GOING
DOWN!

...NO...
NO!

PREDATOR II,
YOU MUST
SELF-DESTRUCT
... IMMEDIATELY!



UNABLE TO COMPLY...
BRRIDGE DESTROYED...
ALL CONTRROLS
INOPERRABLE...

...BY
THE ONLY
GOD ...

...IF THE
PRREDATORR II
DETONATES IN THE
ATMOSPHERRE ...

We've just received a report...a lunar fragment has apparently struck a Dominion warship in orbit.

No available information at this time on the number of personnel aboard, but the ship is believed to be carrying a full arsenal of Dominion Weaponry.



THE PREDATOR II

EHHHH!
EHHHH!

ONLY
GOD!

EHHHH!



THE
ESCAPE
CORRIDORS!
THEY'RRE
SEALED
OFF!

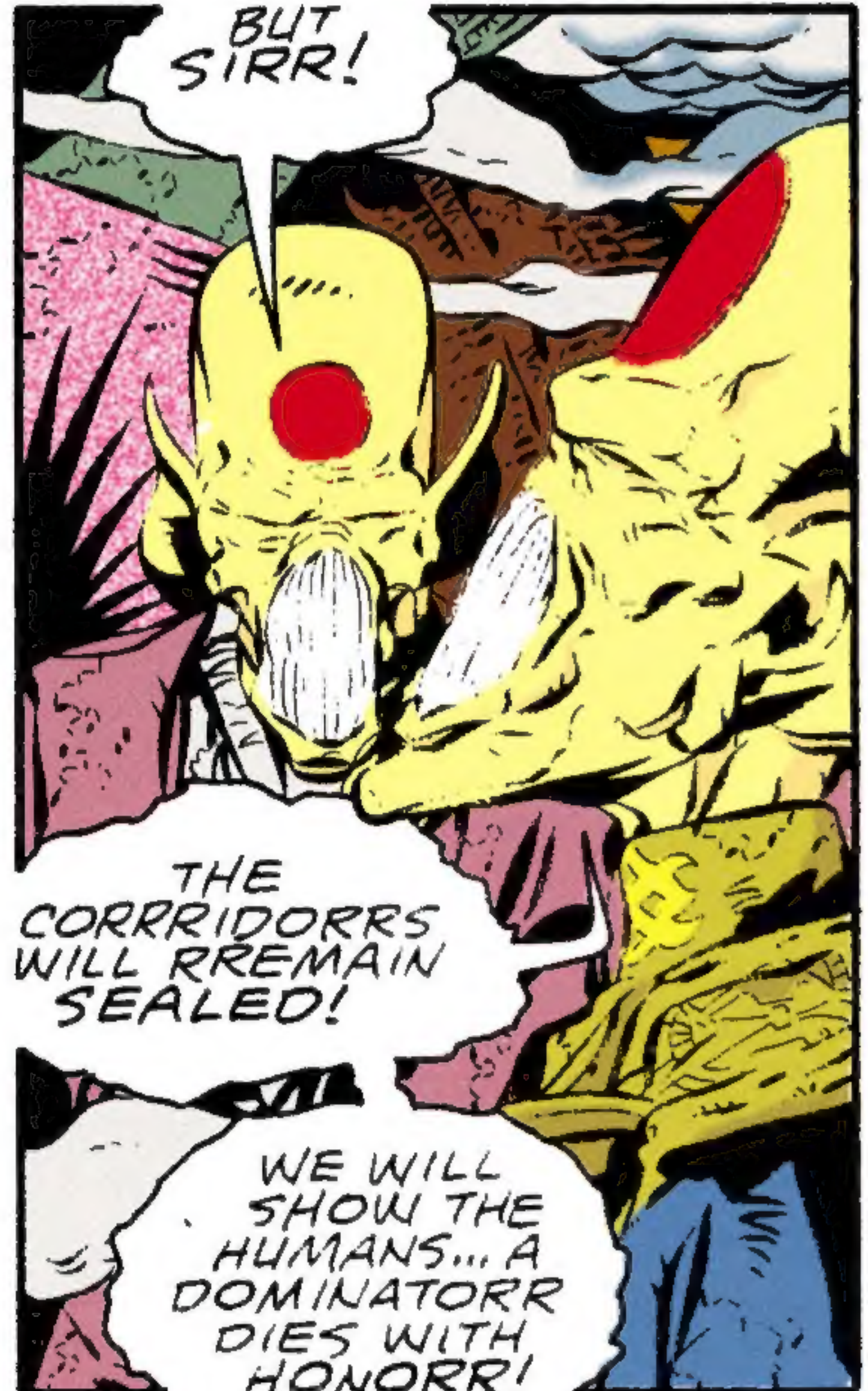
THEY'RRE
JAMMED!



BUT
SIRR!

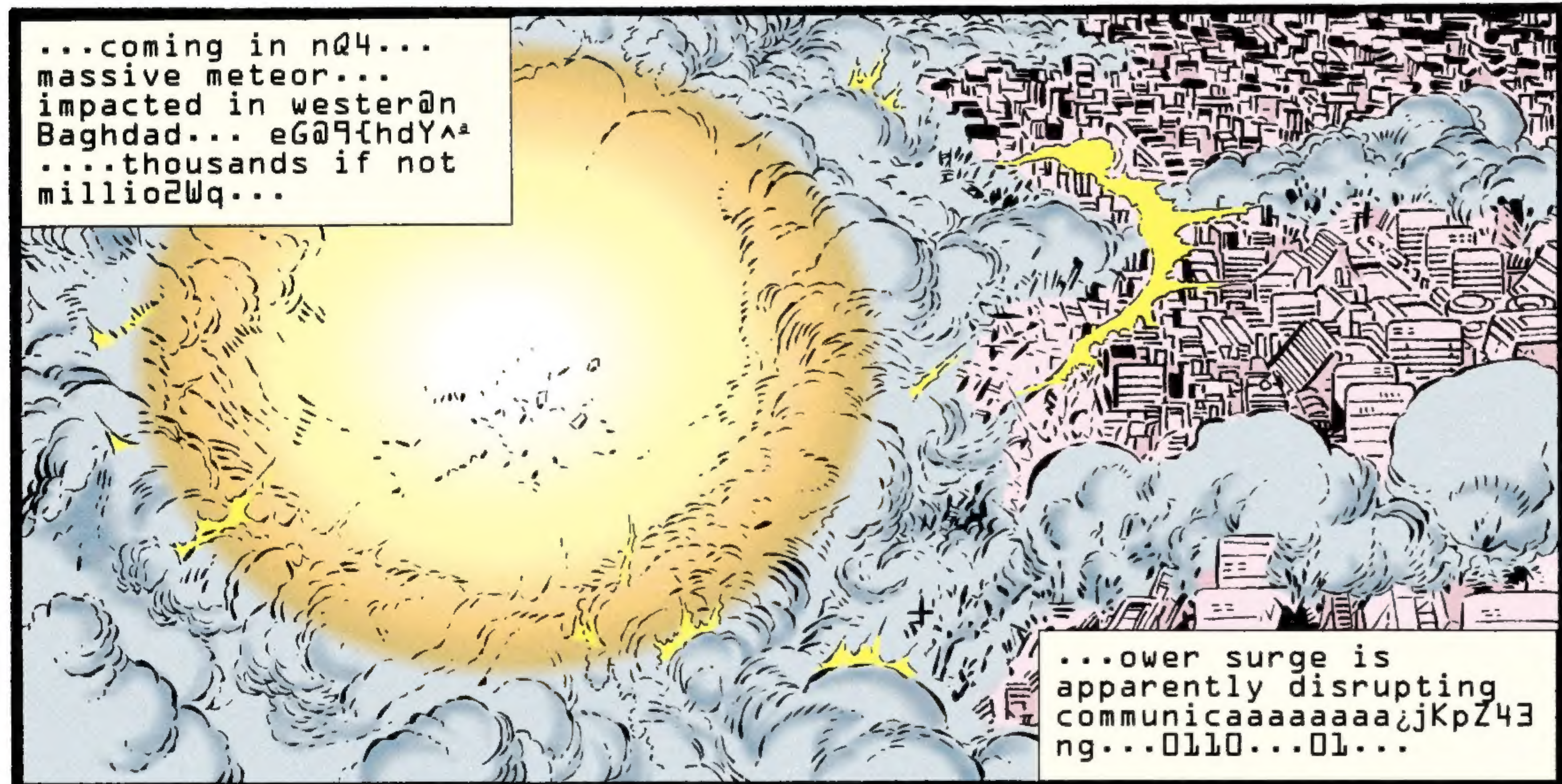
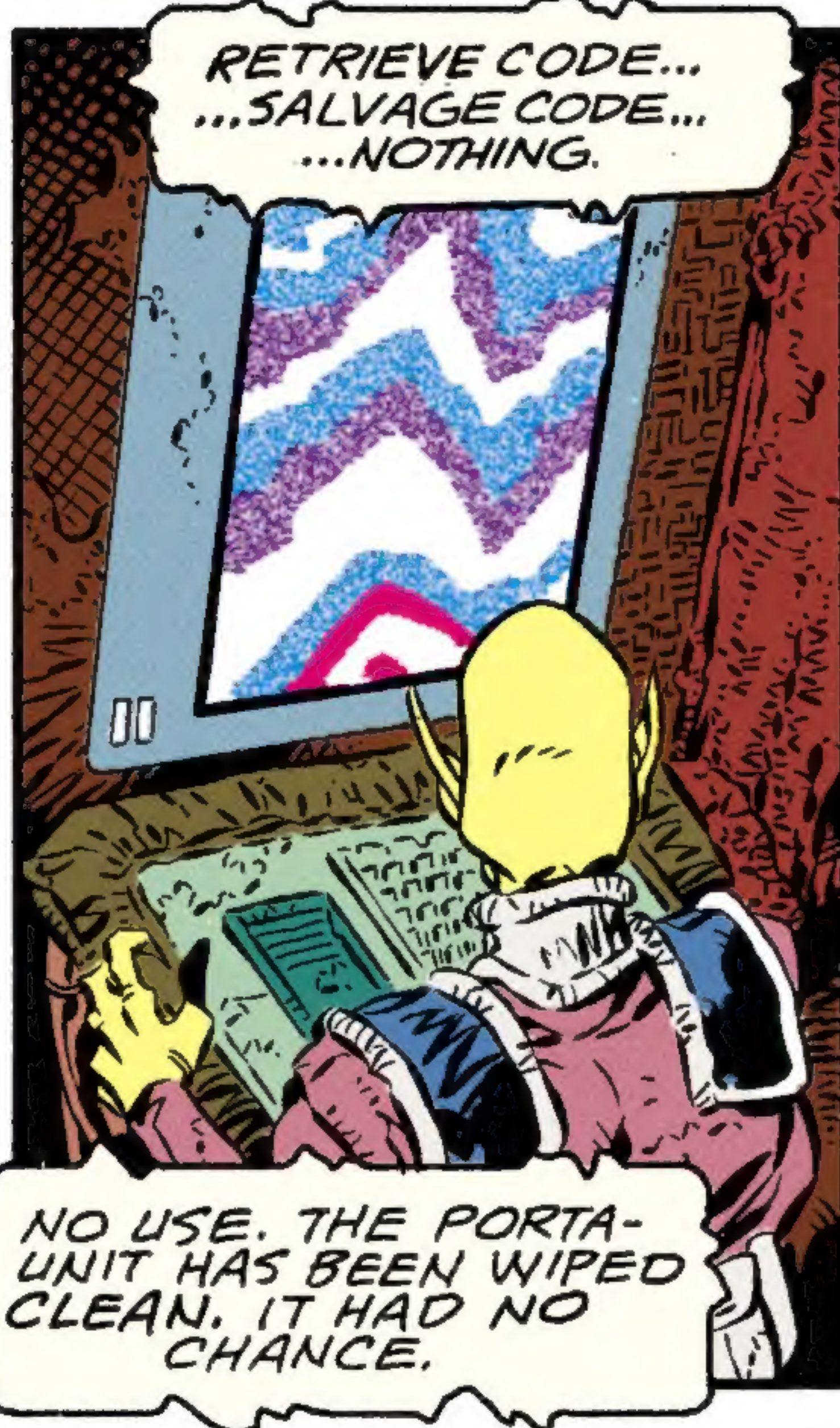
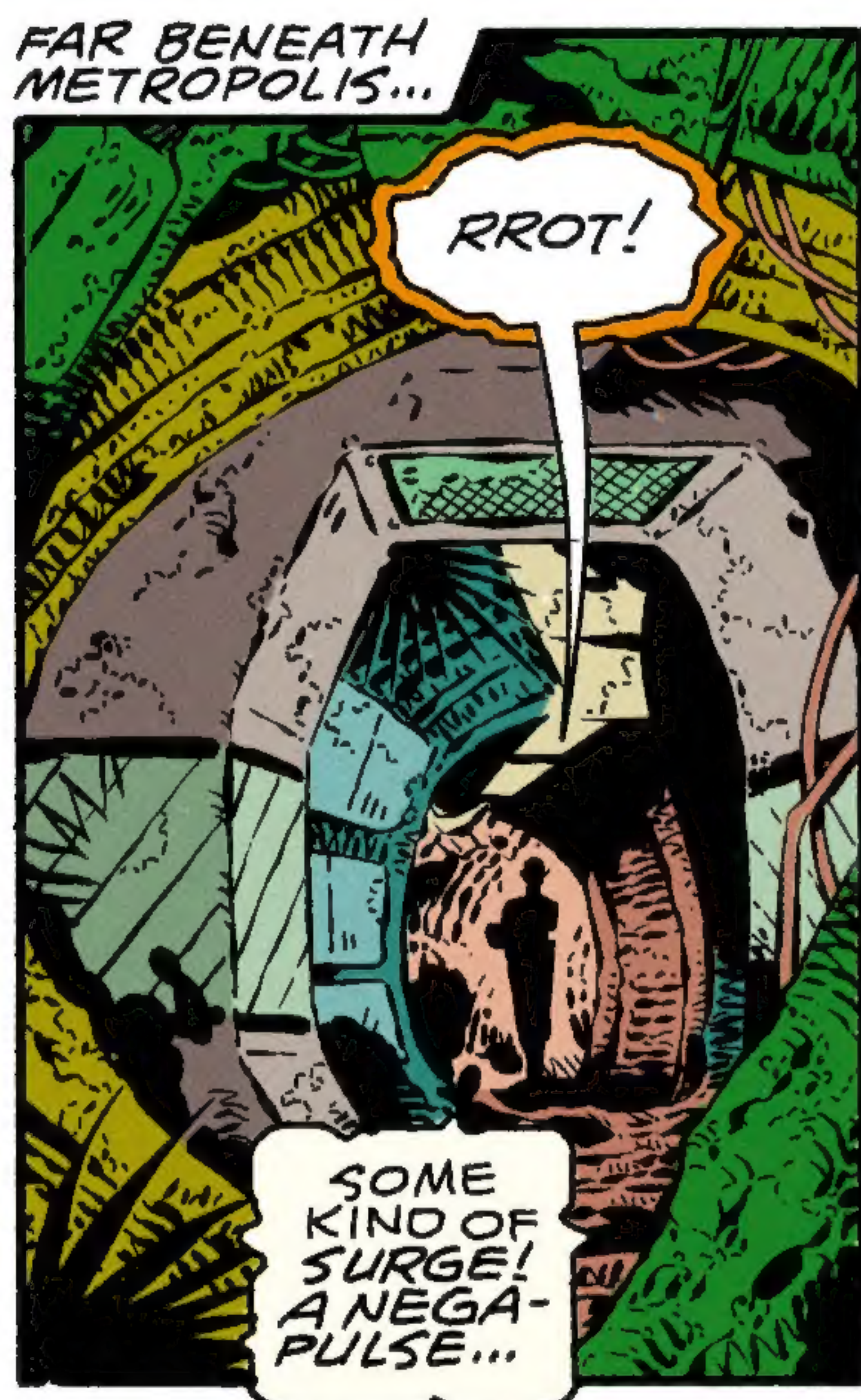
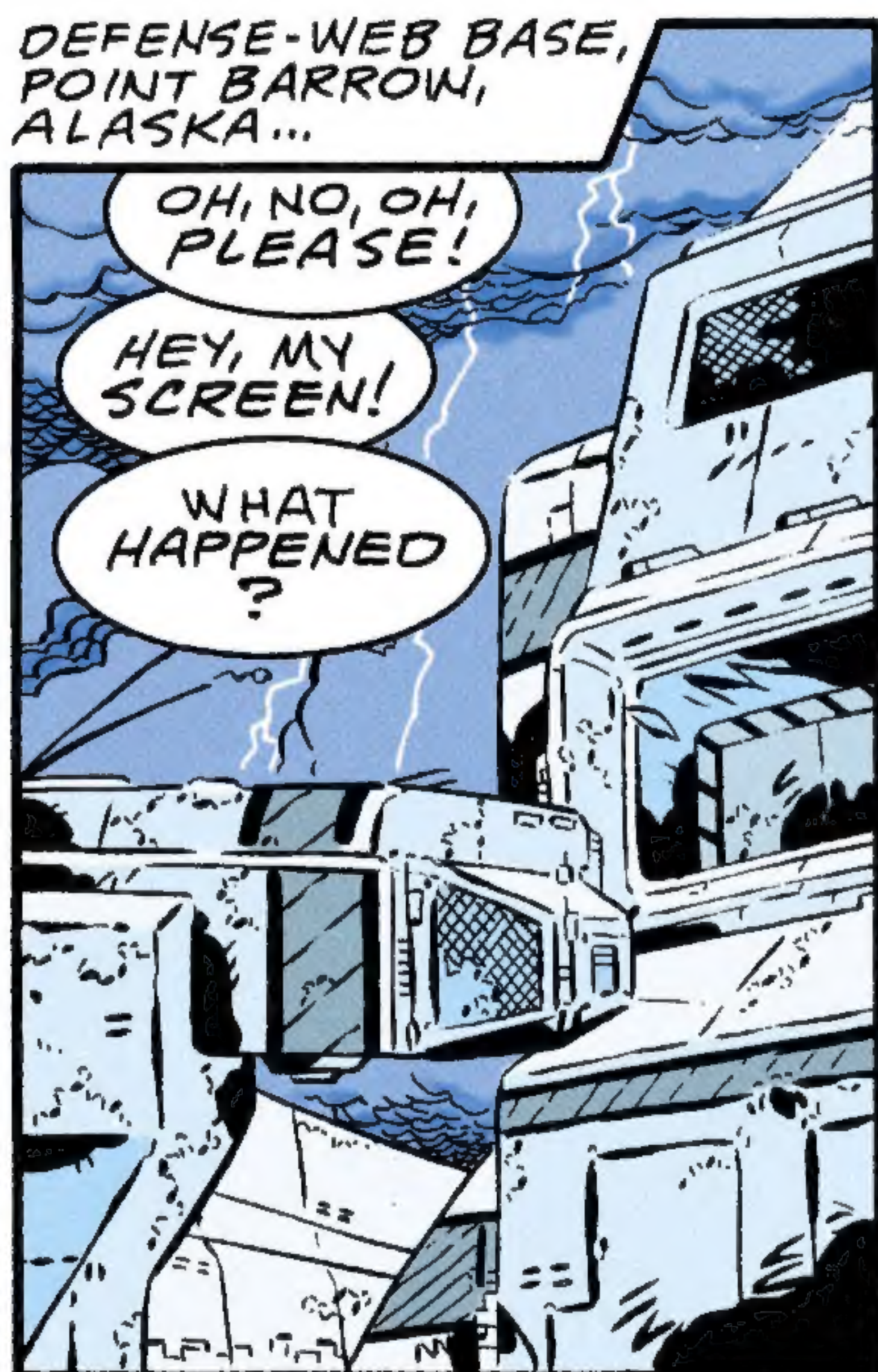
THE
CORRIDORRS
WILL RREMAIN
SEALED!

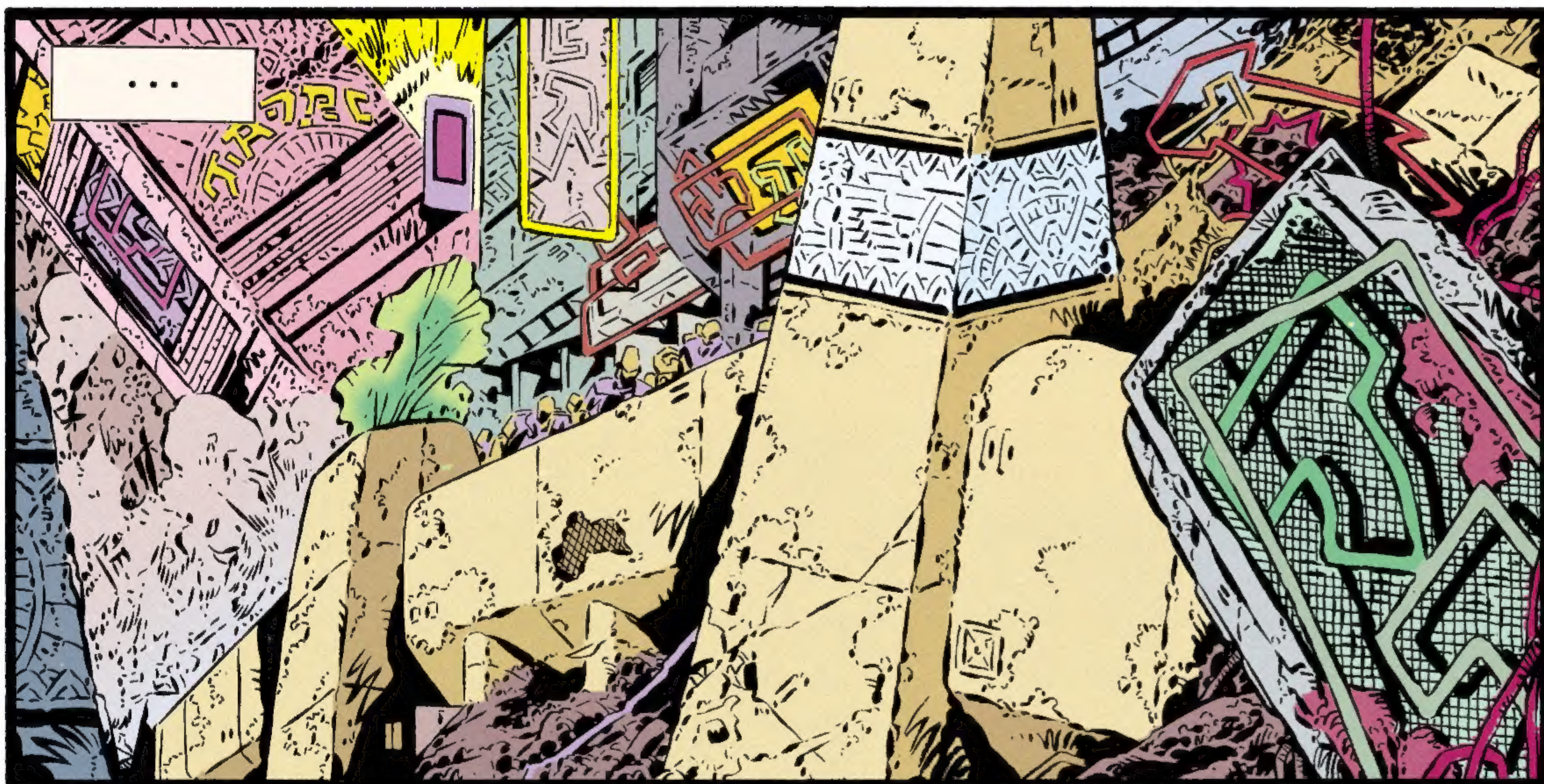
WE WILL
SHOW THE
HUMANS... A
DOMINATORR
DIES WITH
HONORR!



It appears to
have entered the
atmosphere...







OSAKA...

COMLINKS ARE OUT! THEY'RE DEAD!

WE'RE ON OUR OWN! MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!

FORGET IT, HIDEO!

WE'RE GOING TO DO WHAT THEY SENT US IN HERE TO DO.

PULL OUT THE SURVIVORS AND GET THEM TO SAFETY.

AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP DOING IT TILL THE WAVE HITS, YOU UNDERSTAND?

... CAN ONLY SPECULATE...

PERHAPS HALF OUR OFFICERS... MISSING, INJURED, OR DEAD...

STUPID BLOODY DISKHEADS!

I SWEAR TO GOD...

THOSE ARE MY TROOPS OUT THERE...

IF THE DISKHEADS DID THIS ON PURPOSE, GOD, I SWEAR...

ARCTICA RESEARCH
POST, FRANZ
JOSEF LAND...

BUT POINT BARROW
IS PROJECTING A
METEOR IMPACT IN
FOUR MINUTES. OUR
POWER IS DOWN.
THE HUMANS HAVE
ABANDONED THE
BASE...

NEVERTHELESS,
OUR CHOICES ARE
K-K-CLEAR, MY
FRIEND.

WE MUST
ATTEMPT
TO RETURN
ORBITAL AND
GRAVITATIONAL
STABILITY TO
THIS PLANET. WE MUST
ATTEMPT TO REPLACE
OUR DESTROYED
MOON WITH THE
LUNA-SUB-ONE
ORBITER.

BUT, MR. SENIUS,
THIS IS AN
IMPOSSIBILITY!

NONE
OF THE
LAUNCH
TOWERS
HAS ANY
POWER...

THEN
WE LAUNCH
ME-K-K-
CHANI-K-K-
CALLY.

A HAND
LAUNCH?! SIR,
WITHOUT THE
COMPUTER
CHARTING
THE PROPER
COORDINATES...

I AM AN
ASTRO-
PHYSICIST.
IF I DON'T
KNOW WHERE
THE MOON IS
SUPPOSED
TO BE...

...THEN WE ARE ALL
IN K-K-CONSIDERABLE
TROUBLE.

LET
US HOPE,
SIR, THAT
YOUR
AIM WAS
TRUE.

WE
K-K-CAN
ONLY
PRAY.

I'M AFRAID
POINT BARROW'S
PROJECTION
WAS QUITE
ACCURATE.

METEOR
IMPACT LESS
THAN A HALF-
MILE FROM
HERE.

THIS
INSTALLA-
TION WILL
BE VAPORIZED.

WELL, MY
FRIEND...

...AT
LEAST WE
WENT DOWN
FIGHTING.

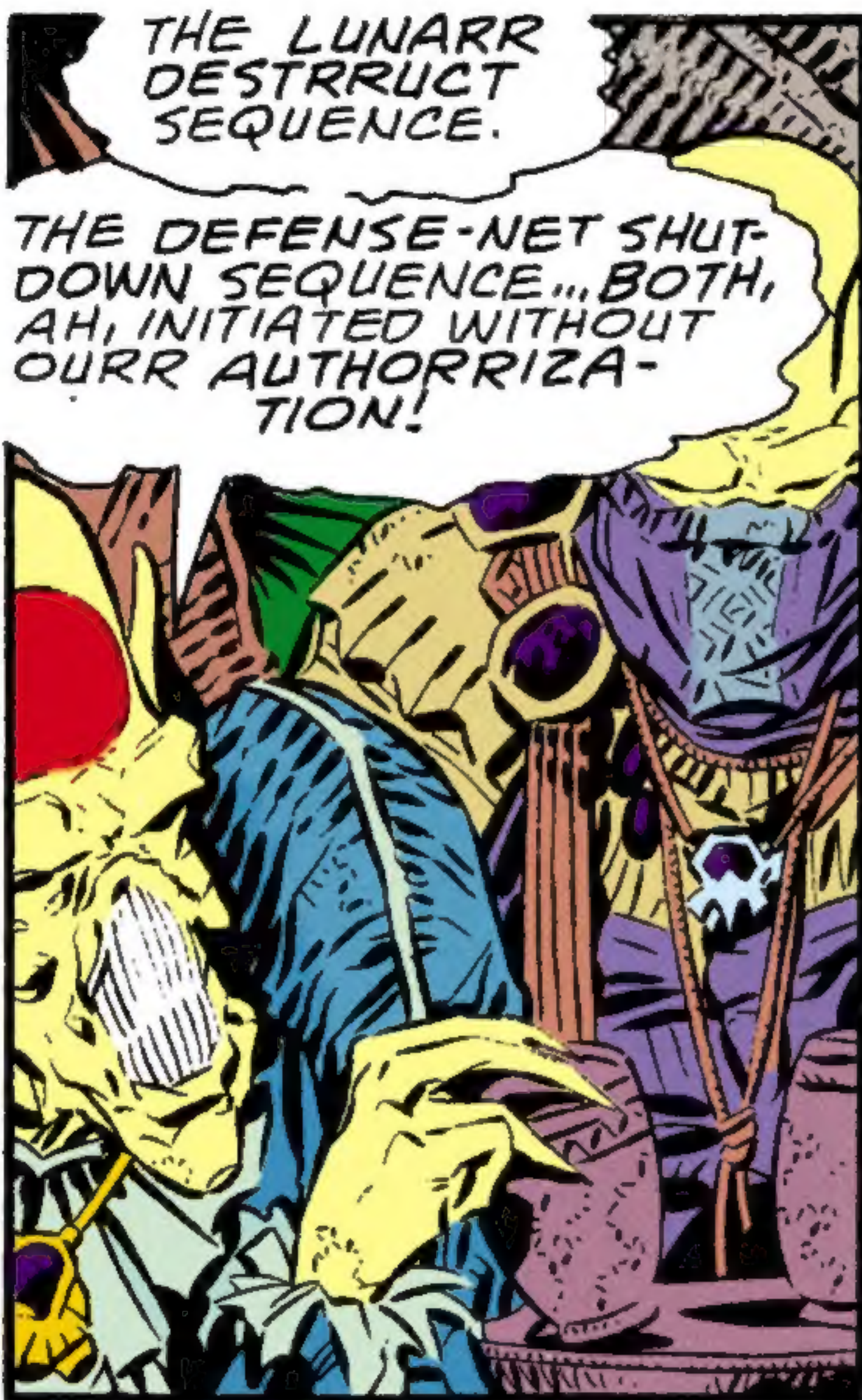
BELOW METROPOLIS.

IT IS AN...AH, AH...
EMBARRASSMENT!



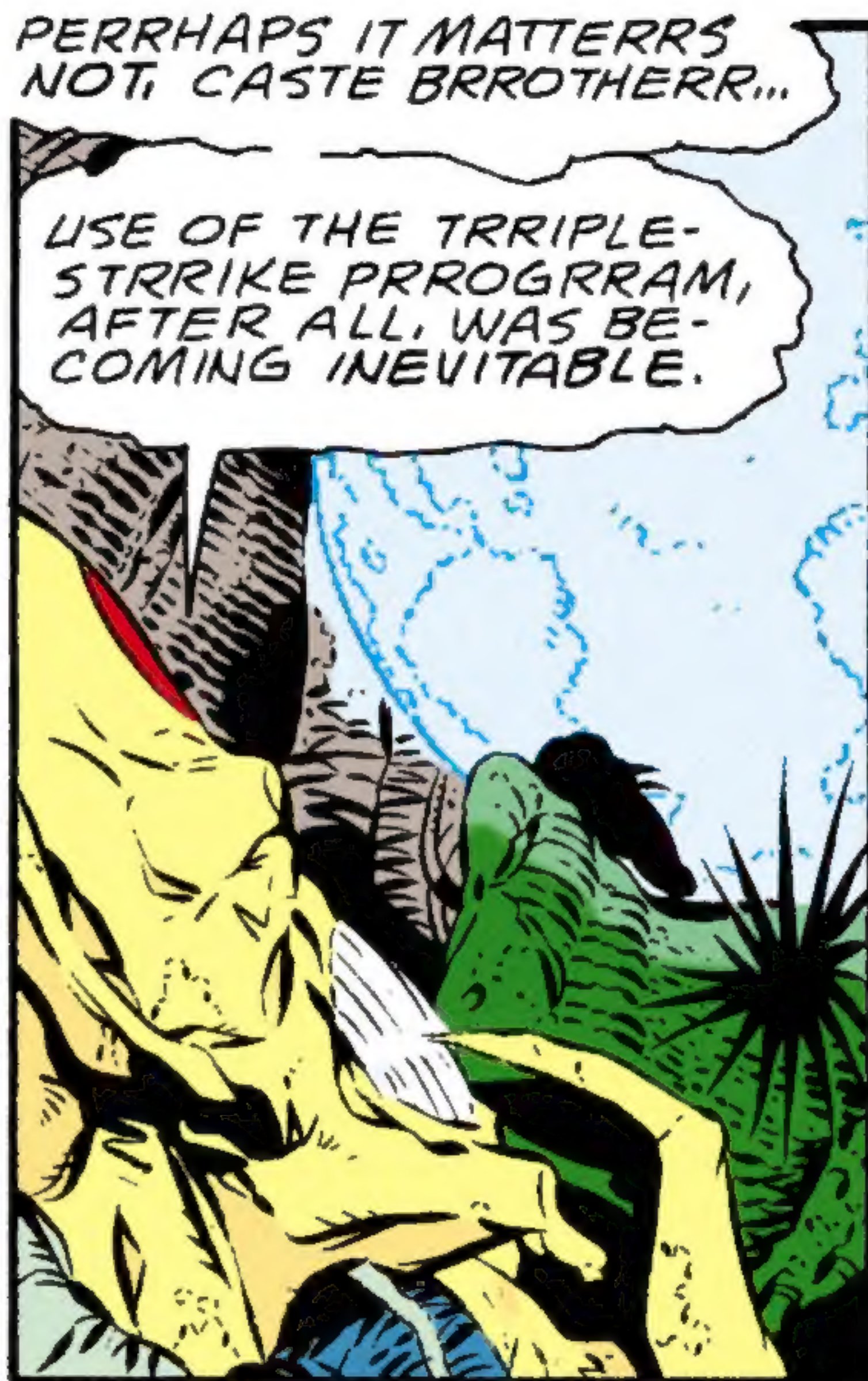
THE LUNARR
DESTRUCT
SEQUENCE.

THE DEFENSE-NET SHUT-
DOWN SEQUENCE...BOTH,
AH, INITIATED WITHOUT
OUR AUTHORIZA-
TION!



PERRHAPS IT MATTERS
NOT, CASTE BRROTHER...

USE OF THE TRIPLE-
STRIKE PROGRAM,
AFTER ALL, WAS BE-
COMING INEVITABLE.



YES.
YOU'RE,
AH, QUITE
RRIGHT.

THE HUMANS
WERE GETTING
DANGEROUSLY
CLOSE TO THE,
AH...AH...
CHAMBERS.



AND IF NOTHING
ELSE, WE'VE GIVEN
THEM A DIS-
TRACTION
FOR NOW.



STILL, IT'S A PITY
WE, AH, FAILED TO
ABORT THE, AH,
FINAL
COMMAND.

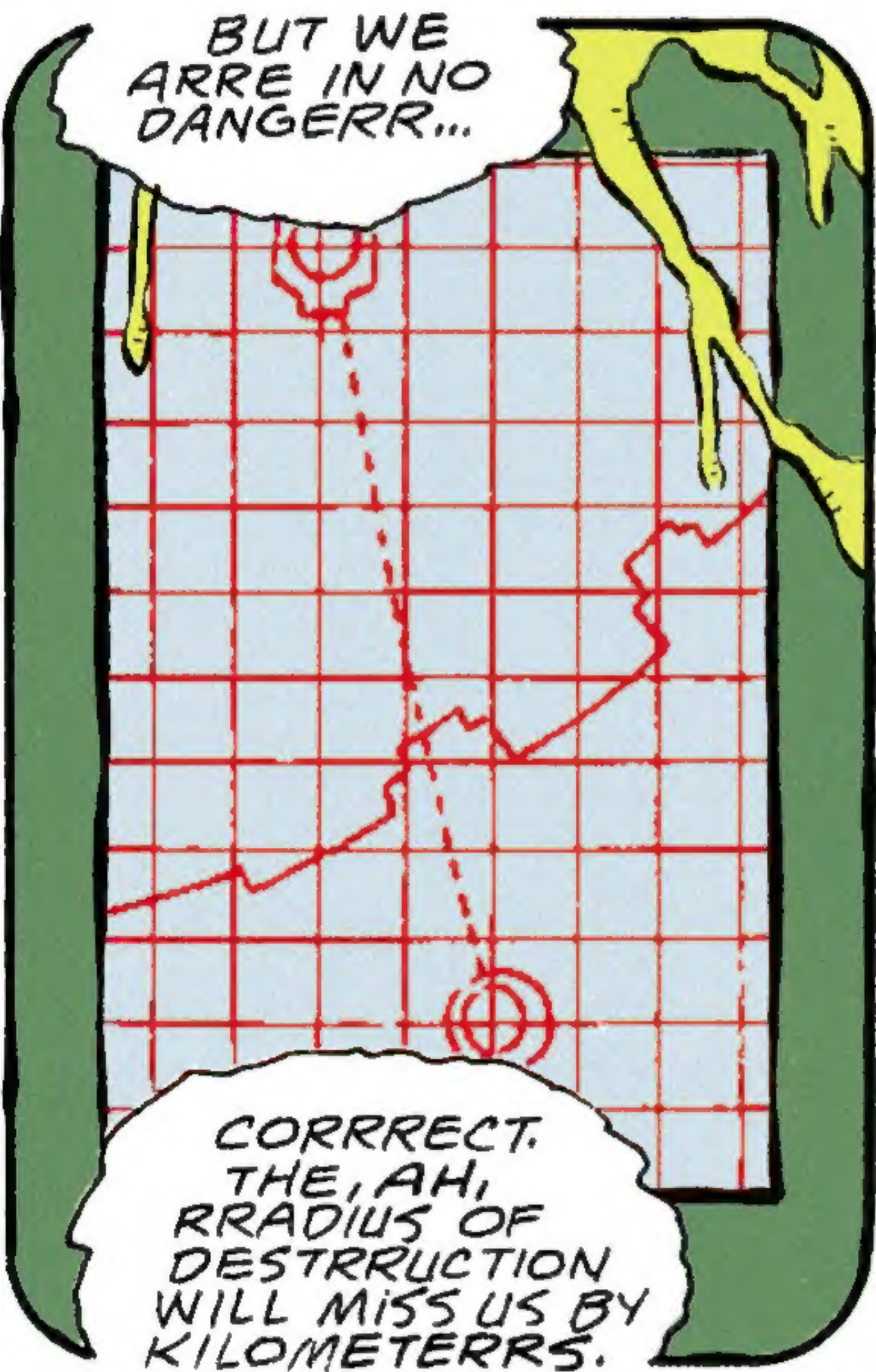
FINAL
COMMAND
SEQUENCE
ENGAGED

ITS
DEVASTATION
WILL BE QUITE
SUPERRFLUOUS.



BUT WE
ARRE IN NO
DANGERR...

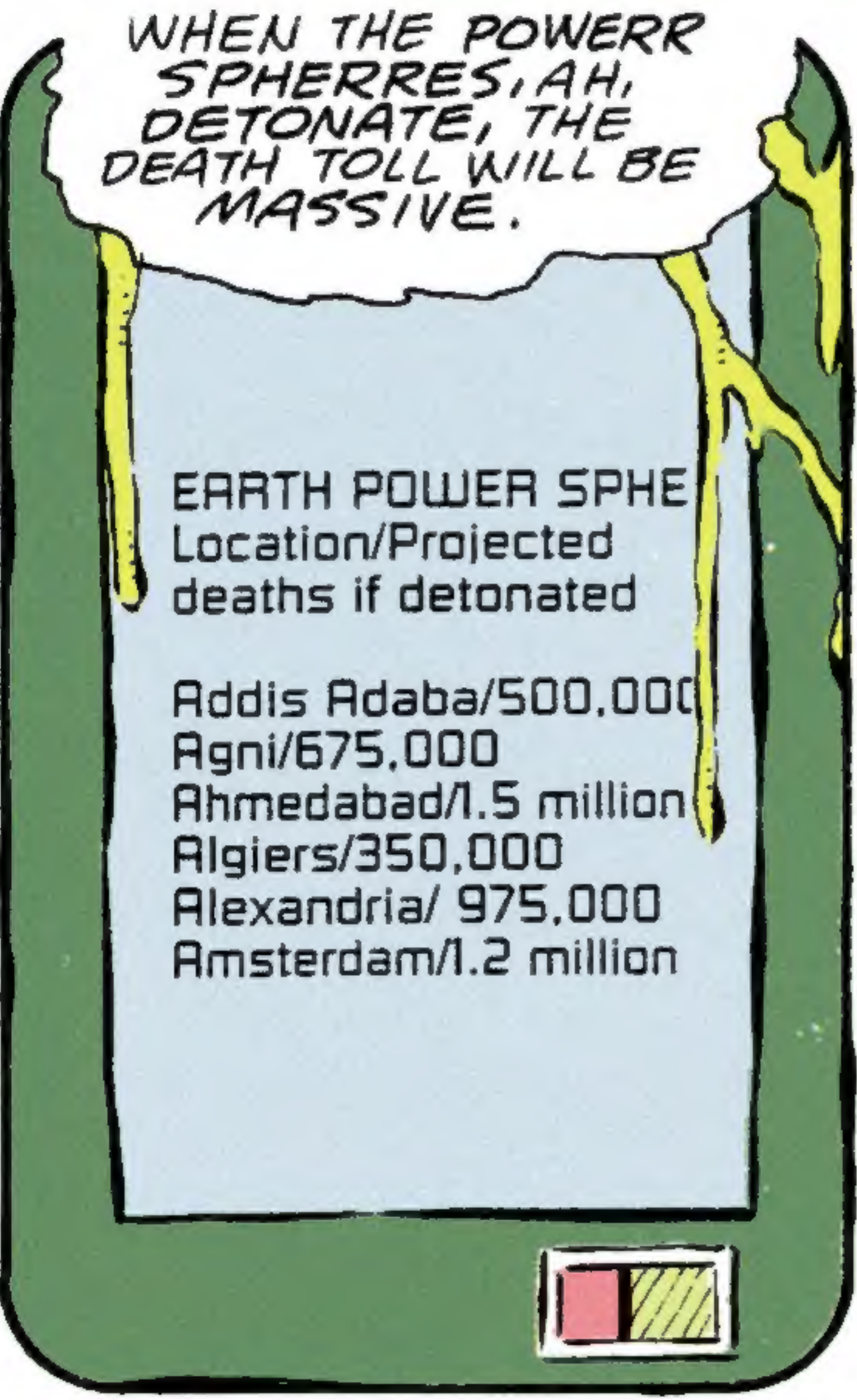
CORRECT.
THE, AH,
RRADIUS OF
DESTRUCTION
WILL MISS US BY
KILOMETERS.



WHEN THE POWER
SPHERRES, AH,
DETONATE, THE
DEATH TOLL WILL BE
MASSIVE.

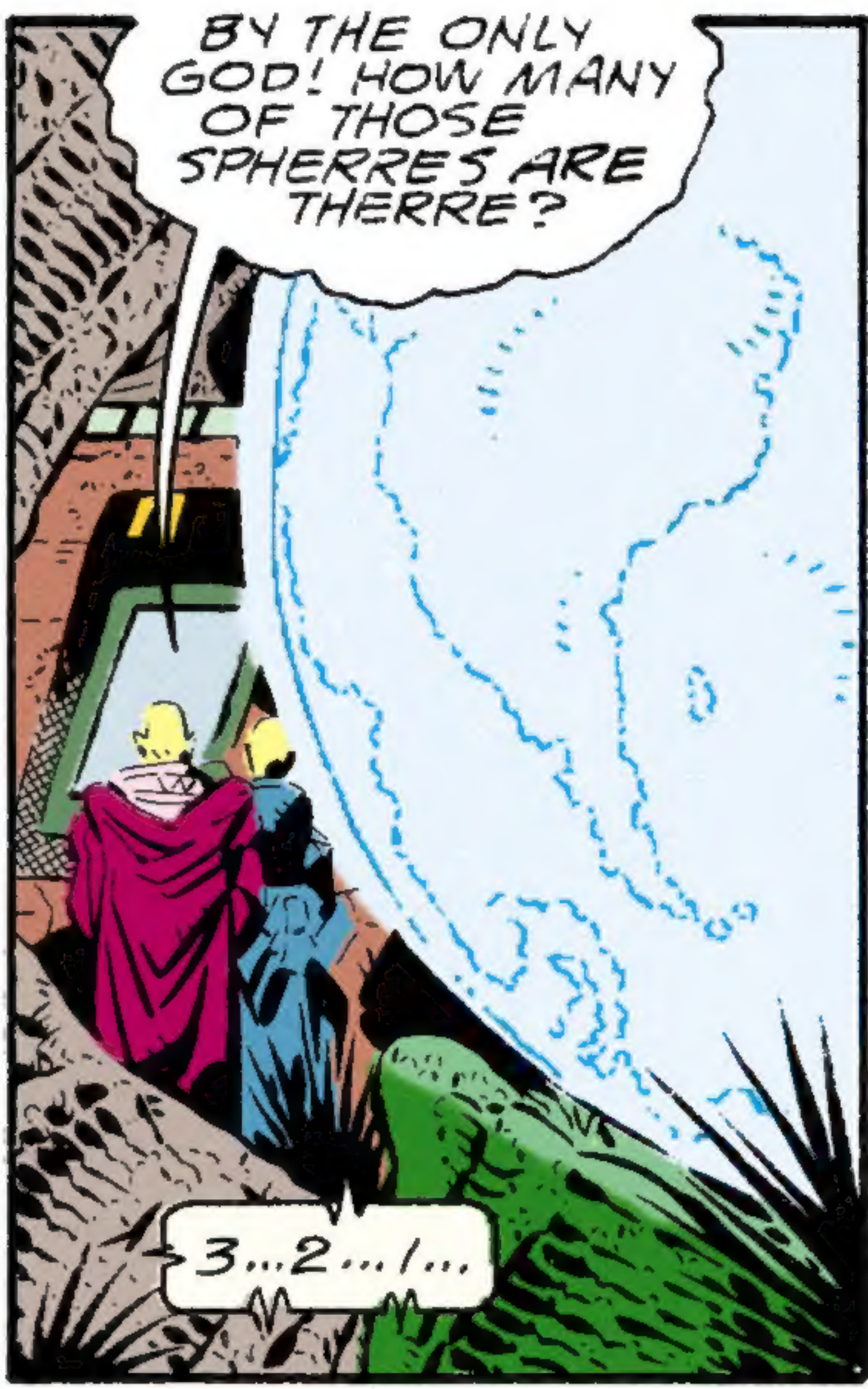
EARTH POWER SPHE
Location/Projected
deaths if detonated

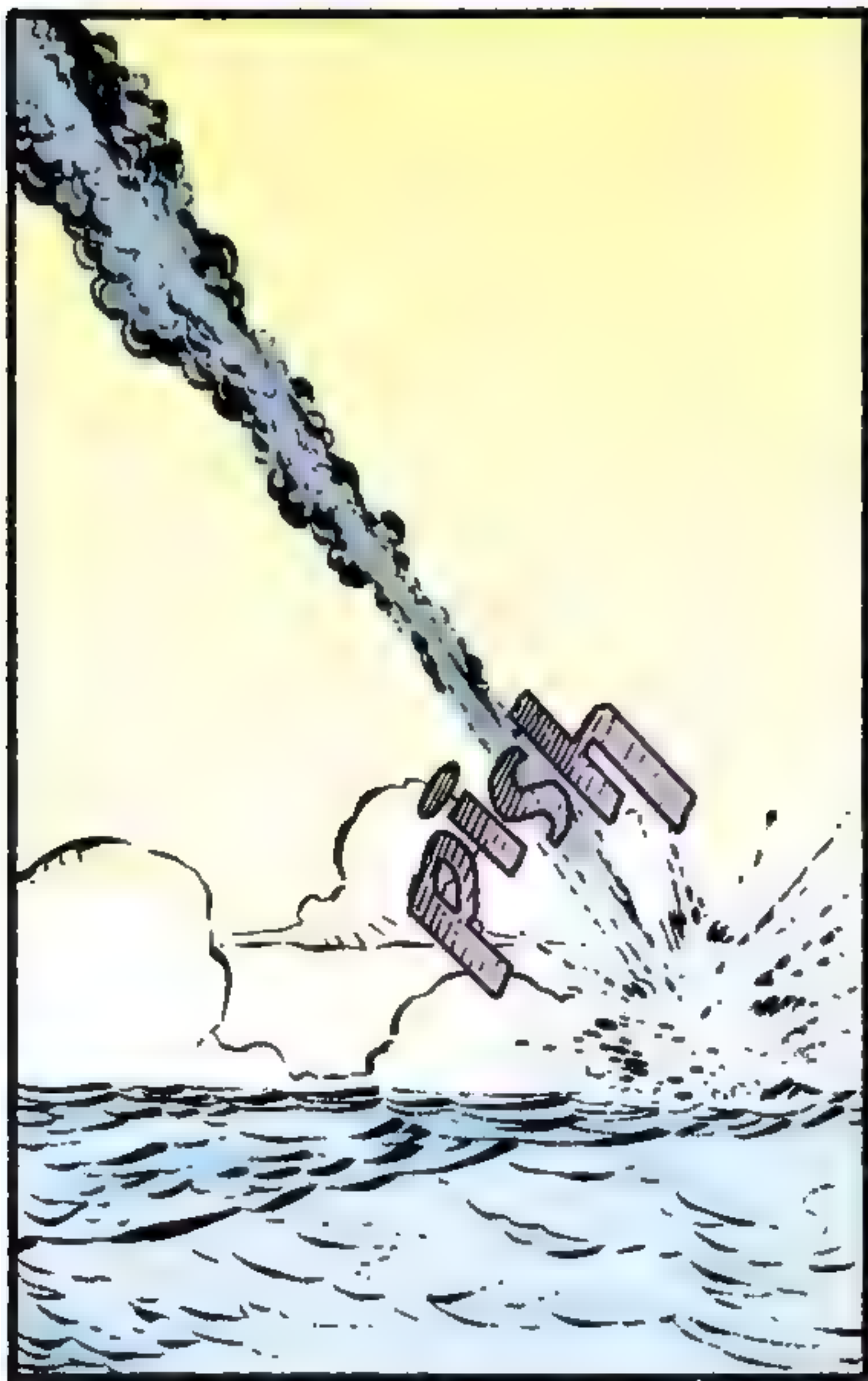
Addis Adaba/500,000
Agni/675,000
Ahmedabad/1.5 million
Algiers/350,000
Alexandria/ 975,000
Amsterdam/1.2 million



BY THE ONLY
GOD! HOW MANY
OF THOSE
SPHERRES ARE
THERE?

3...2...1...





EGYPT'S MEDITERRANEAN COAST, FIVE THOUSAND YEARS IN THE PAST...





A STRANGE TRANS-
GRESSOR--A FASCINAT-
ING INTERLOPER.



HE HAS TAKEN AN
ADMIRABLE HUMAN
FORM... BUT HE IS
CLEARLY NOT HUMAN.



THERE IS UNDENIABLY A
STRANGE ATTRACTION,
AND YET...

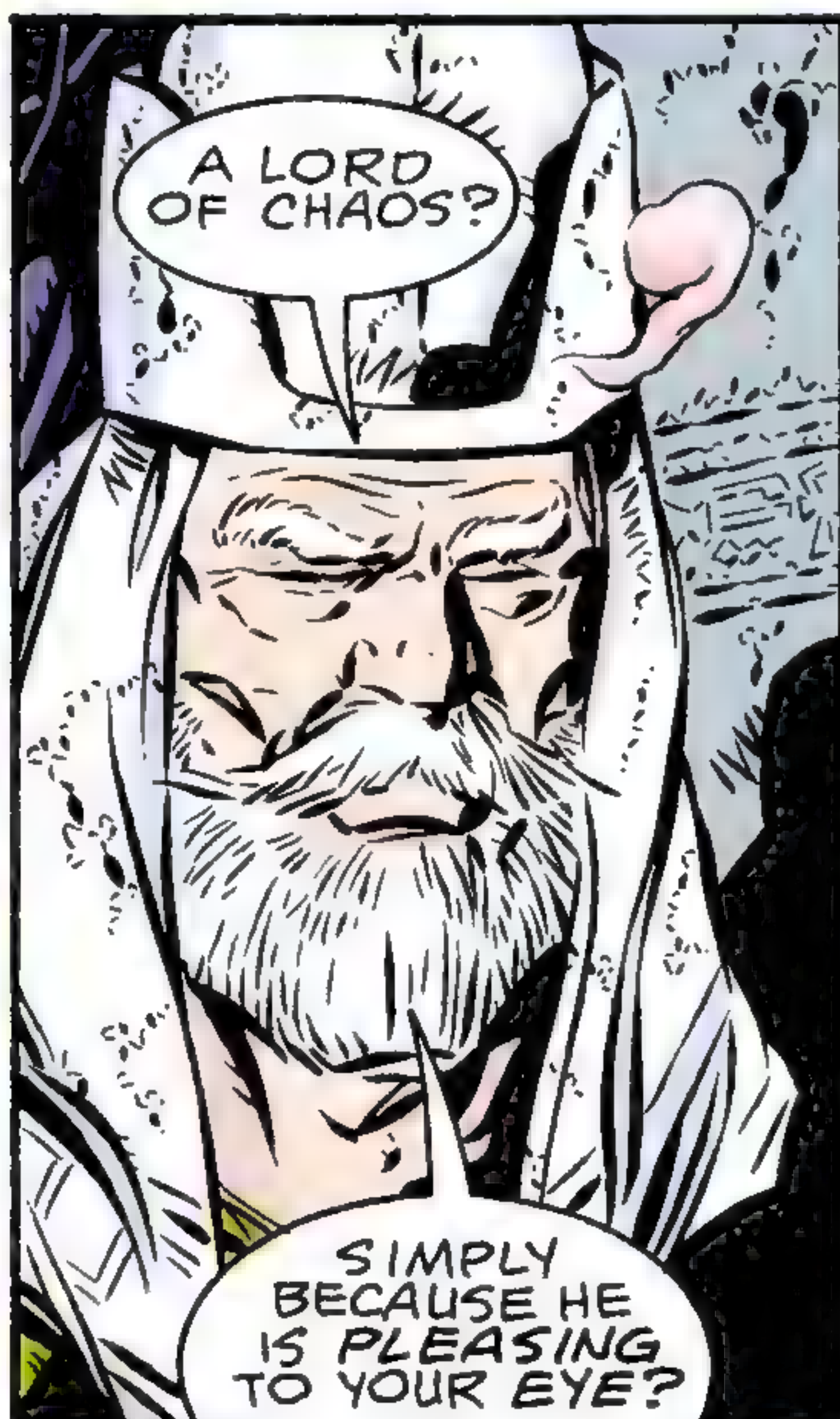
HE COULD BE
ONE OF THEM...



YOU SHOULD
NOT BE
TOUCHING
THE ORB,
MARTA.

B-BUT
MASTER
NABU...

I'VE FOUND
A VISITOR--
HE MAY BE A
LORD OF CHAOS.



A LORD
OF CHAOS?

SIMPLY
BECAUSE HE
IS PLEASING
TO YOUR EYE?



NOT ALL FAIR
MEN ARE SENT
TO TEMPT YOU,
DEAR MARTA.

IT'S NOT
THAT,
MASTER.



THIS STRANGE
BEING, HE FELL
FROM THE SKY!

AND
SURVIVED!



HOW
COULD HE BE
HUMAN?

NOW
THAT
IS A VALID
QUESTION,
MY DEAR.



AND YES, THIS VISITOR
DOES INDEED MERIT
CAREFUL EXAMIN-
ATION.

THIS IS AS GOOD
A SPOT AS ANY.

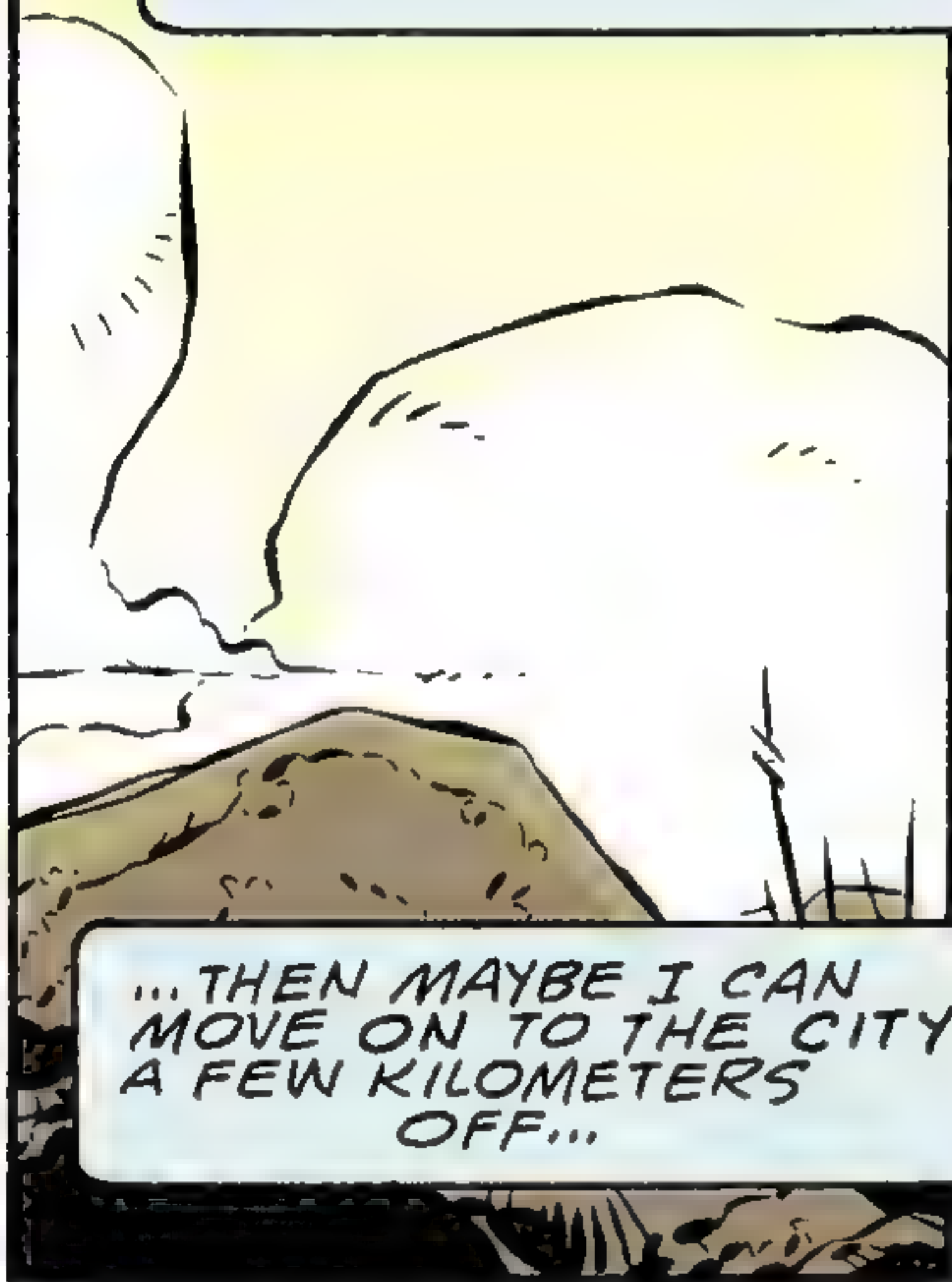


A NICE, LONELY
LITTLE HUT.

A CHANCE TO MAKE
A CONTACT... MAYBE
A FEW FRIENDS...



LEARN THE CUSTOMS...
BLEND IN A LITTLE...
ESTABLISH AN I.O....



...THEN MAYBE I CAN
MOVE ON TO THE CITY
A FEW KILOMETERS
OFF...



GOOD PLAN. YEAH,
WHAT COULD GO
WRONG?

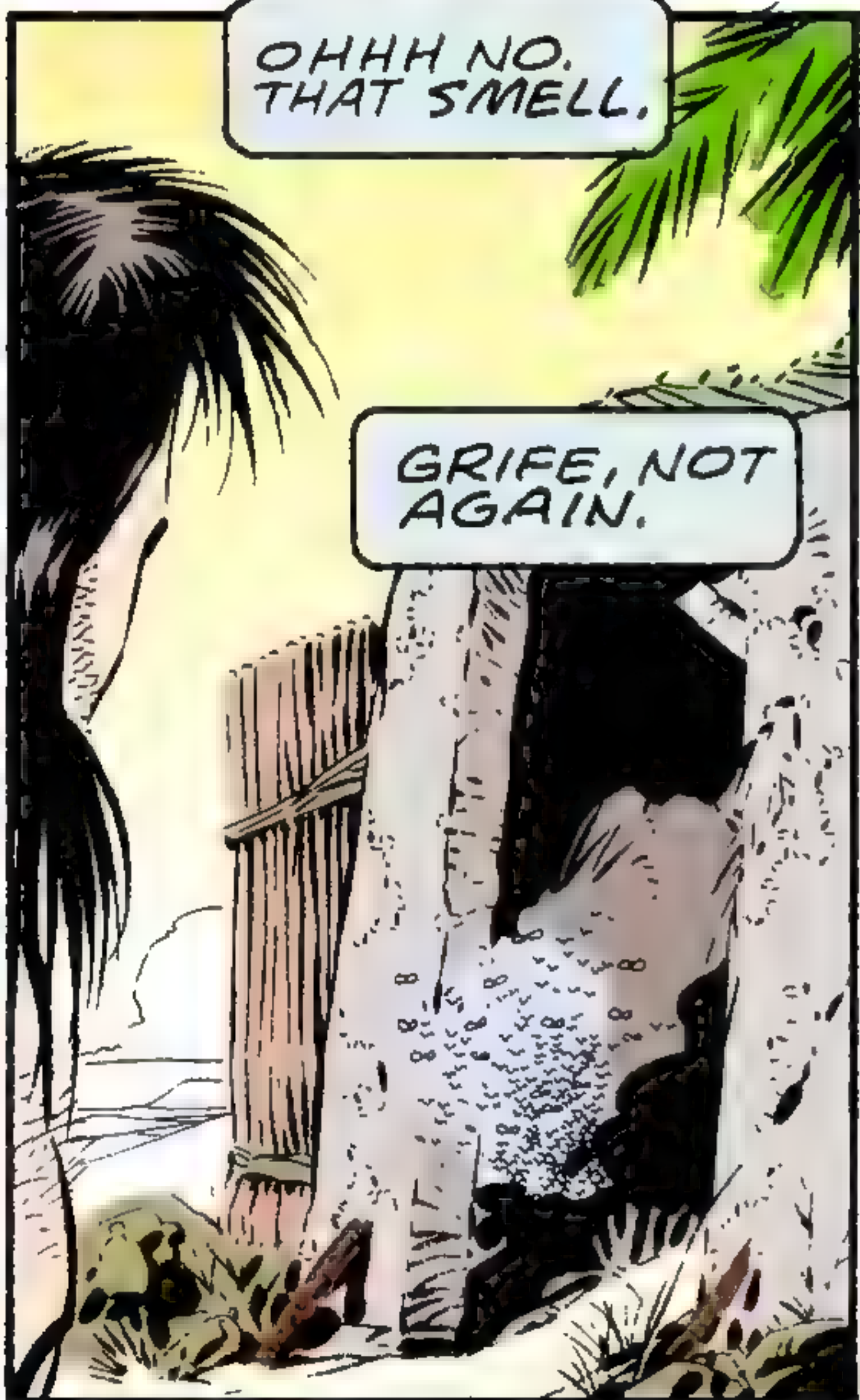
I'VE HAD ALL KINDS
OF LUCK WITH LITTLE
FARM HOUSES LATELY.

THIS TIME I'LL JUST
STAY COOL. NO
POWERS, NO PANIC.



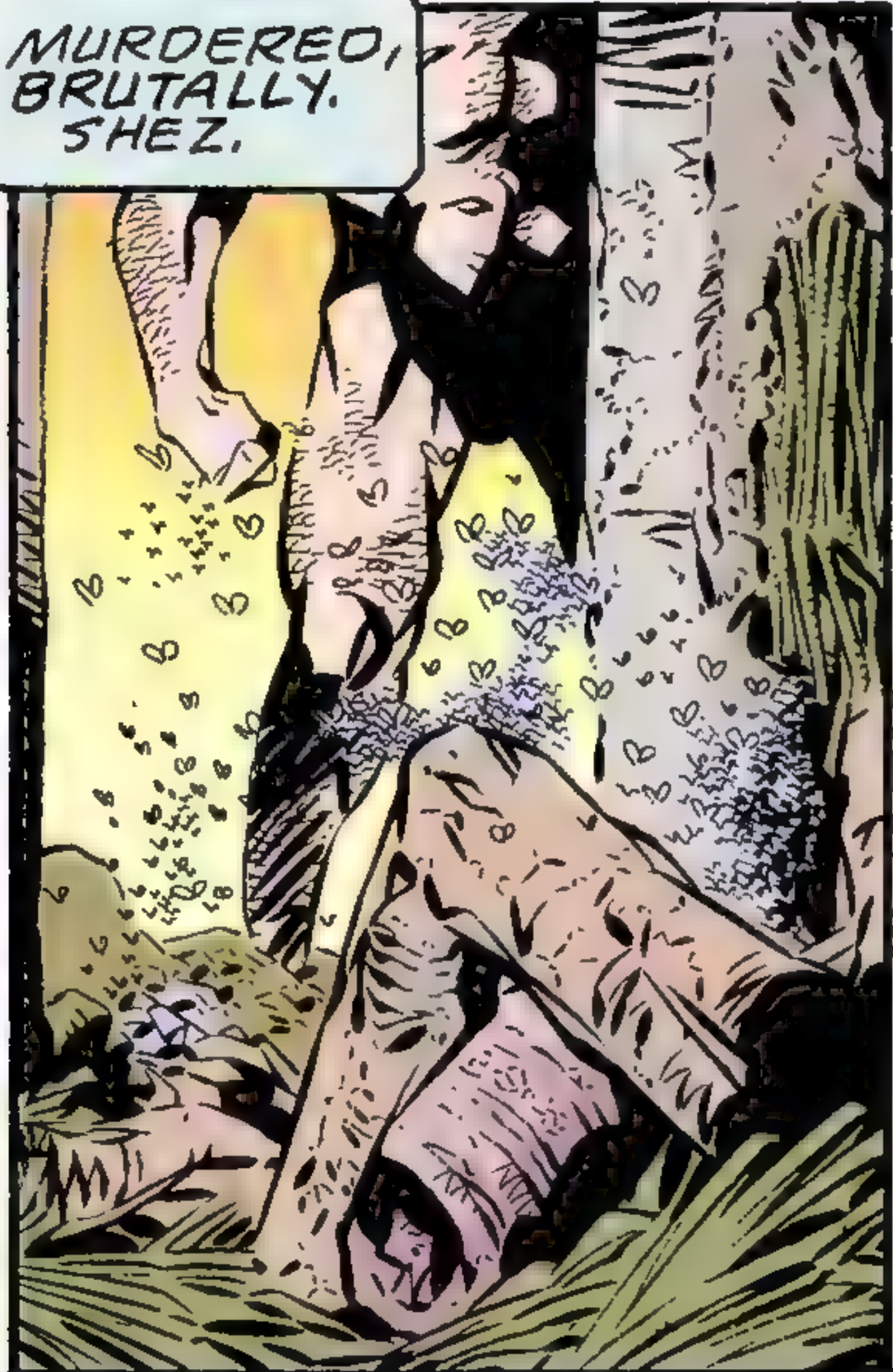
IF THINGS GET
WEIRD, I'LL JUST
TELL THEM
"LATER."

OH HH NO.
THAT SMELL.



GRIFE, NOT
AGAIN.

MURDERED,
BRUTALLY.
SHEZ.



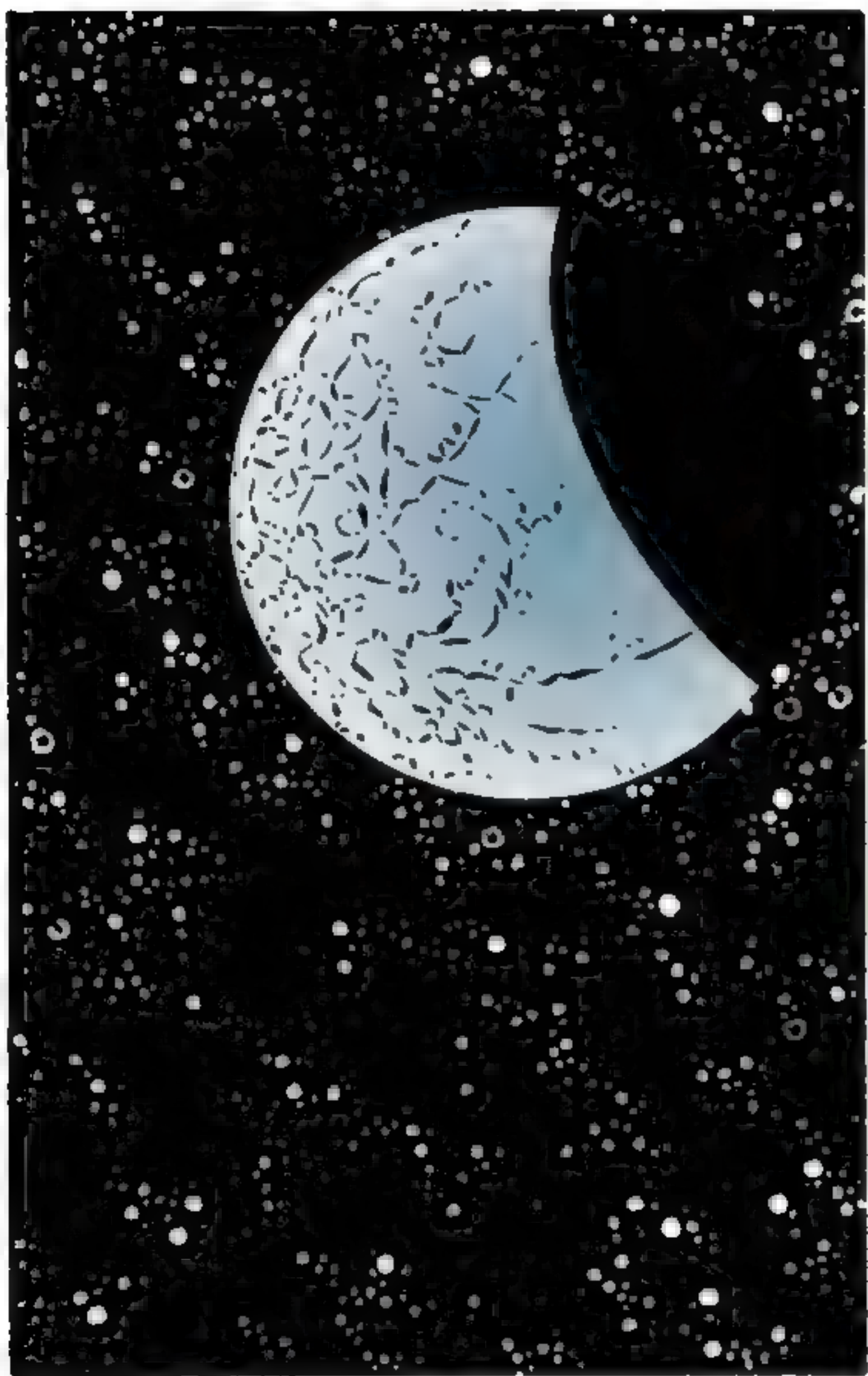
MAN, JO, YOU'VE
GOT A REAL
TALENT.



PICK AN ERA.
PICK A PLANET...

AND JO WILL FIND
AN ATROCITY.







MIGHT AS WELL
GO STRAIGHT
FOR THE CITY.



KEEP ON MY TOES.
PICK THINGS UP AS
FAST AS I CAN.



FAKE MY WAY TILL
I LEARN THE
LANGUAGE.

MAYBE I CAN
USE THE OLD
FOREIGNER
ROUTINE.



MAYBE I CAN
PASS AS A
DEAF-MUTE...

ANYTHING TO
BLEND IN...



THEY'LL
KNOW YOU'RE
DIFFERENT.

WHA--?!

THEY CAN
SENSE IT. THEY'RE
TERRIFIED OF IT.



Y-YOU
SPEAK
INTER-
LAC!

I'M A
PRISONER
HERE, JUST
LIKE YOU.



THOSE FARM
PEOPLE? THEY
WERE MY ONLY
FRIENDS...

BUT THE
VILLAGERS...
CALLED ME A DEMON...
MURDERED THEM
FOR HELPING ME...



AND
NOW I'M
ALONE...

WH-
WHERE
DO YOU
COME
FROM?

FROM...A DIFFERENT
PLACE...YOU WOULDN'T
REALLY UNDERSTAND...IT'S
CALLED...AH...BGZTL...



[VERY
SMOOTH.]

BGZTL?!
YOU'RE
KIDDING!

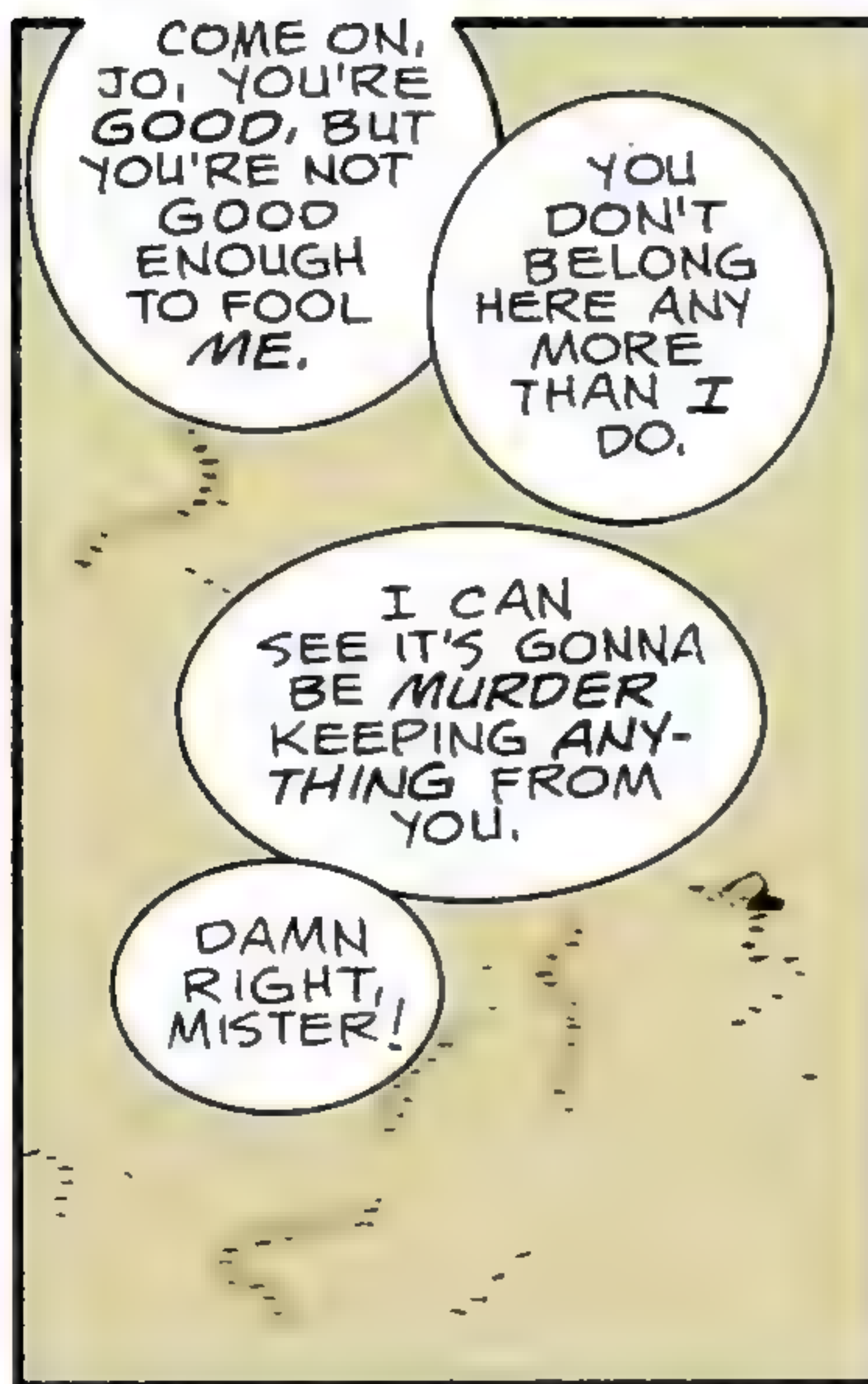
YOU
KNOW ABOUT
BGZTL?

[THIS ONE
DEFINITELY
BEARS WATCHING.]



YES, MR. JONAH, YOU ARE DEFINITELY A BREED APART.

HUH? WHAT MAKES ME SO DIFFERENT?



COME ON, JO, YOU'RE GOOD, BUT YOU'RE NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO FOOL ME.

YOU DON'T BELONG HERE ANY MORE THAN I DO.

I CAN SEE IT'S GONNA BE MURDER KEEPING ANYTHING FROM YOU.

DAMN RIGHT, MISTER!

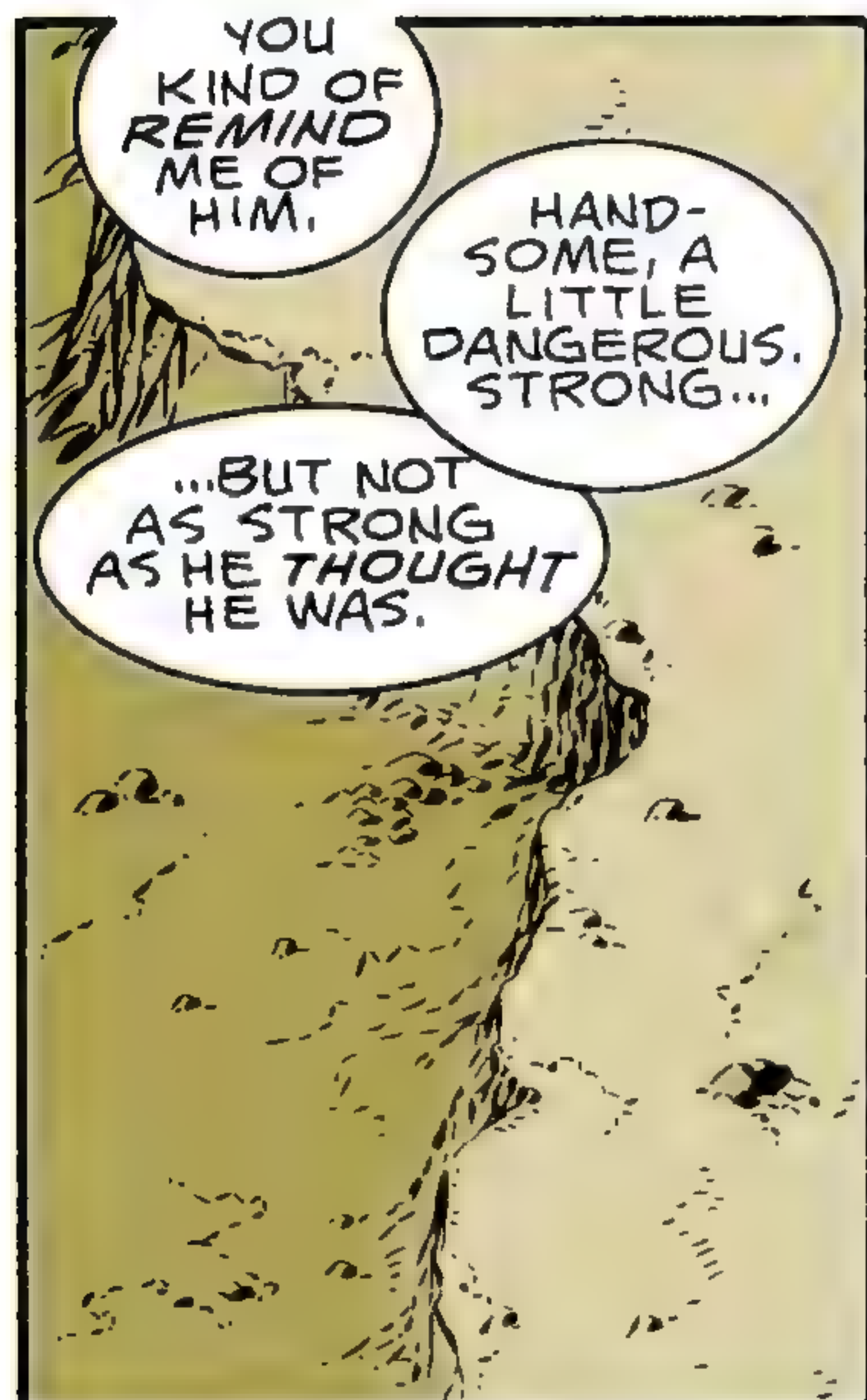


YOU'VE LOST SOMEBODY SPECIAL, HAVEN'T YOU?

THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO...

DOESN'T MEAN THE WOUND HAS HEALED, I OUGHT TO KNOW.

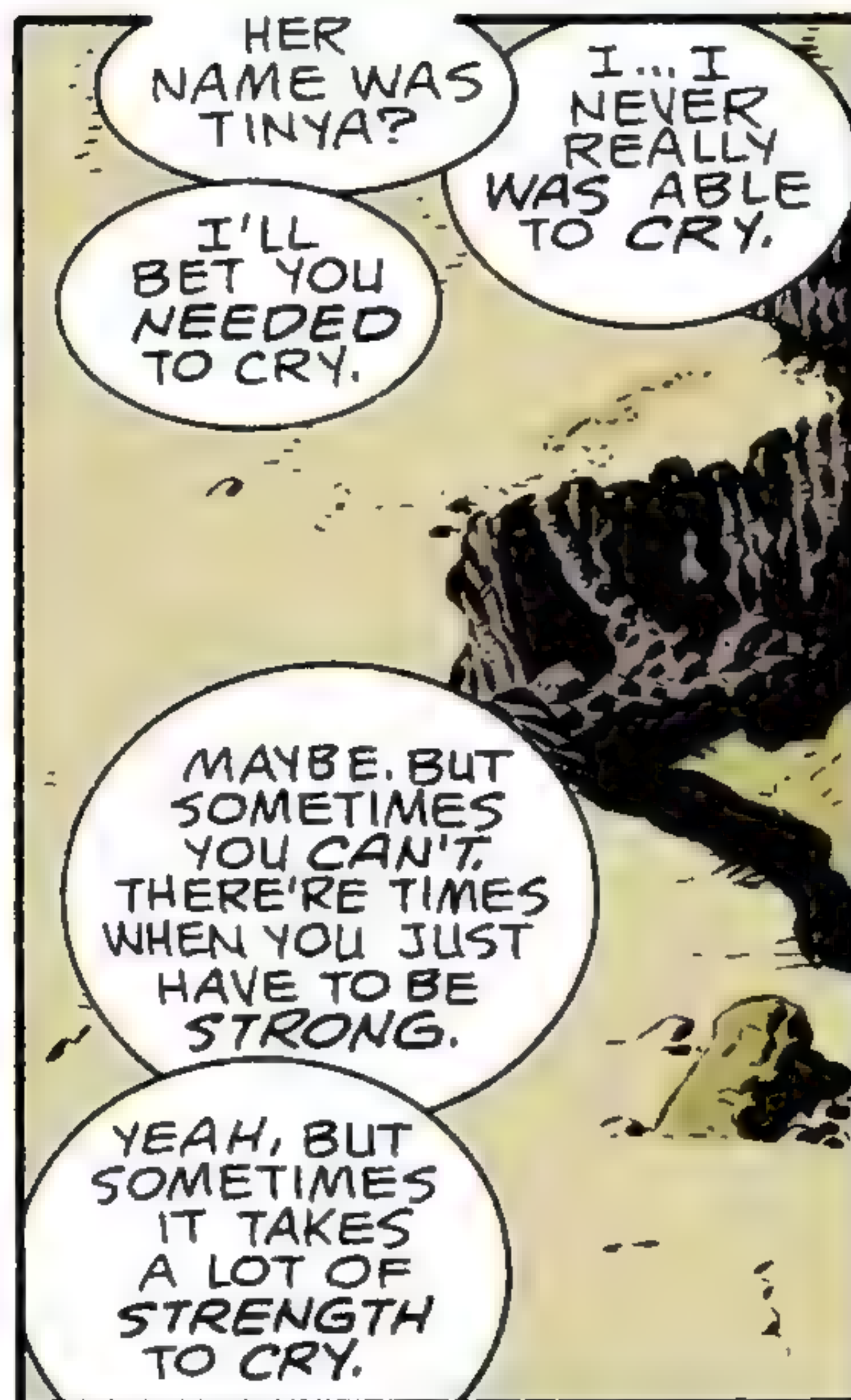
YOU'VE LOST SOMEONE, TOO?



YOU KIND OF REMIND ME OF HIM.

HANDSOME, A LITTLE DANGEROUS. STRONG...

...BUT NOT AS STRONG AS HE THOUGHT HE WAS.



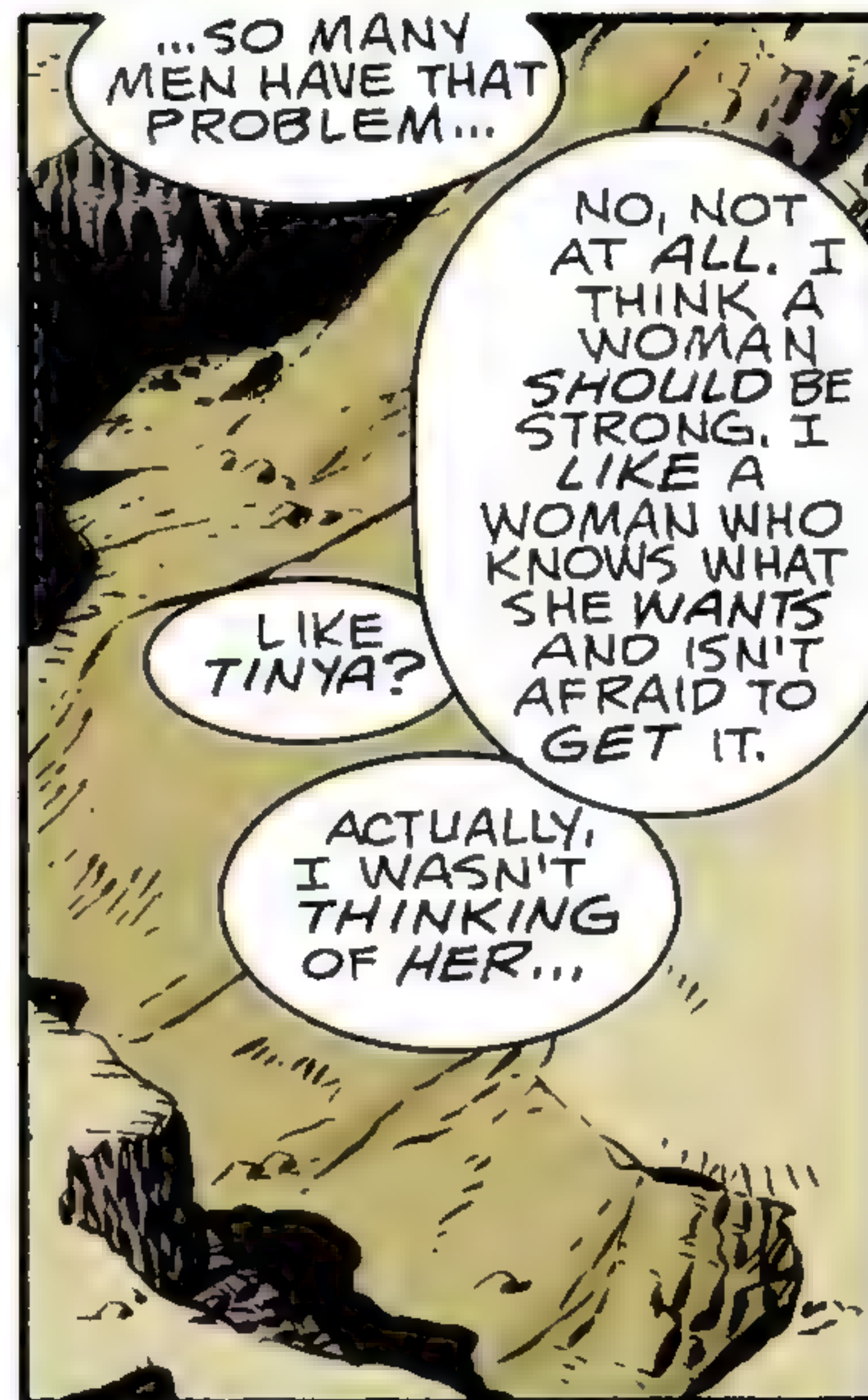
HER NAME WAS TINYA?

I... I NEVER REALLY WAS ABLE TO CRY.

I'LL BET YOU NEEDED TO CRY.

MAYBE. BUT SOMETIMES YOU CAN'T. THERE'RE TIMES WHEN YOU JUST HAVE TO BE STRONG.

YEAH, BUT SOMETIMES IT TAKES A LOT OF STRENGTH TO CRY.



...SO MANY MEN HAVE THAT PROBLEM...

NO, NOT AT ALL. I THINK A WOMAN SHOULD BE STRONG. I LIKE A WOMAN WHO KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS AND ISN'T AFRAID TO GET IT.

LIKE TINYA?

ACTUALLY, I WASN'T THINKING OF HER...



IT'S LIKE, YOU KNOW WHAT'S RIGHT IN YOUR HEART... YOU DON'T NEED SOME RELIGION OR GOVERNMENT TO TELL YOU WHAT TO BELIEVE.

EXACTLY.



ALL YOU NEED IS TO FIND ONE OTHER PERSON WHO FEELS THE WAY YOU DO.

GRIFE! IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE MET SOMEBODY WHO REALLY UNDERSTANDS THAT!

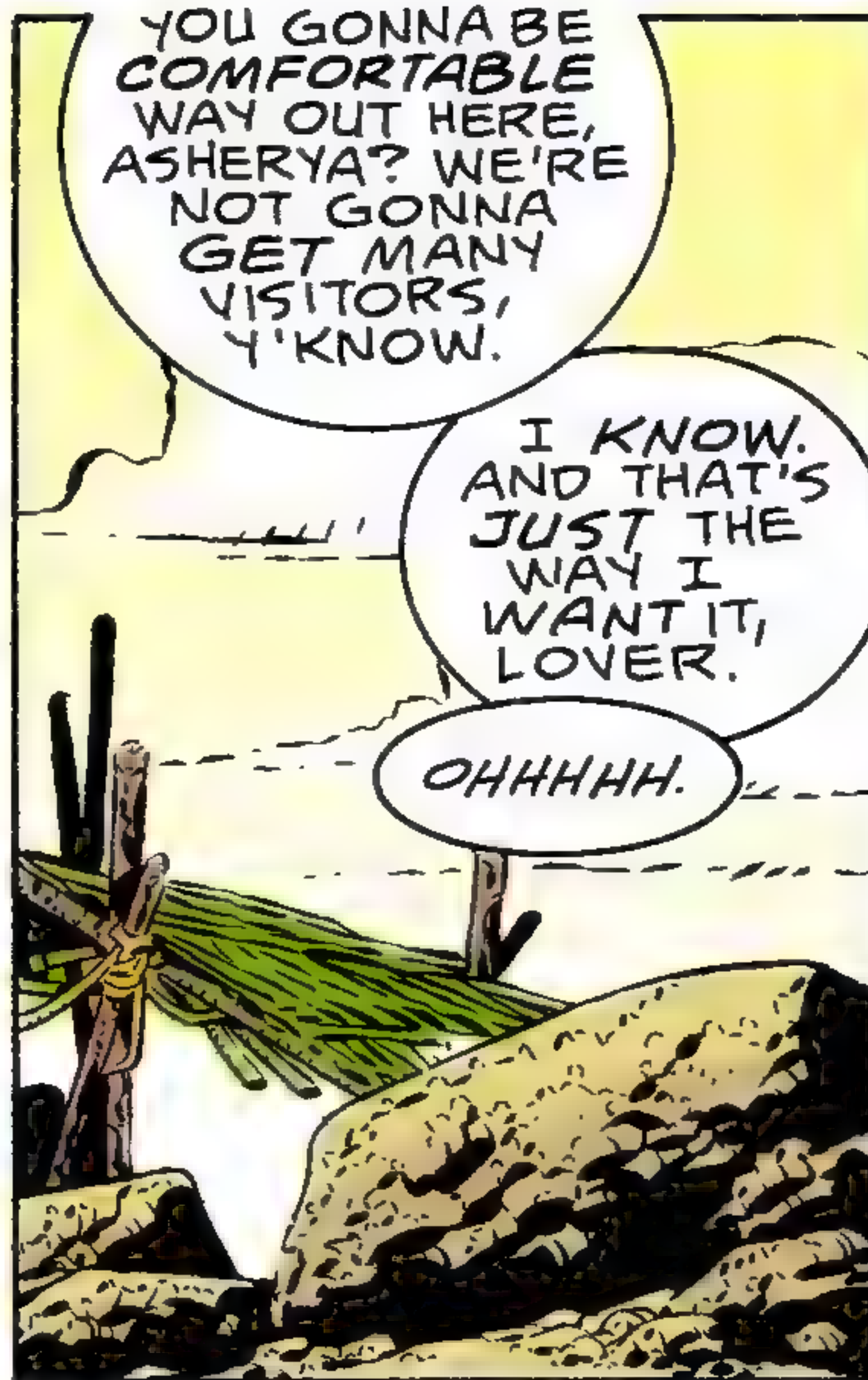


IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE WE'VE FOUND EACH OTHER. IT'S LIKE A DREAM.

YEAH, AND FOR ONCE THE DREAM ISN'T A NIGHTMARE.



THIS LOOKS NICE. HOW ABOUT RIGHT HERE?



YOU GONNA BE COMFORTABLE WAY OUT HERE, ASHERYA? WE'RE NOT GONNA GET MANY VISITORS, Y'KNOW.

I KNOW. AND THAT'S JUST THE WAY I WANT IT, LOVER.

OHHHHH.



...IT'S GOING TO BE BEAUTIFUL.

...SOMETHING THAT'LL LAST...



I LOVE IT, JO. IT'S PERFECT.

STILL NEEDS LOTS OF WORK.

BUT IT'S HOME.

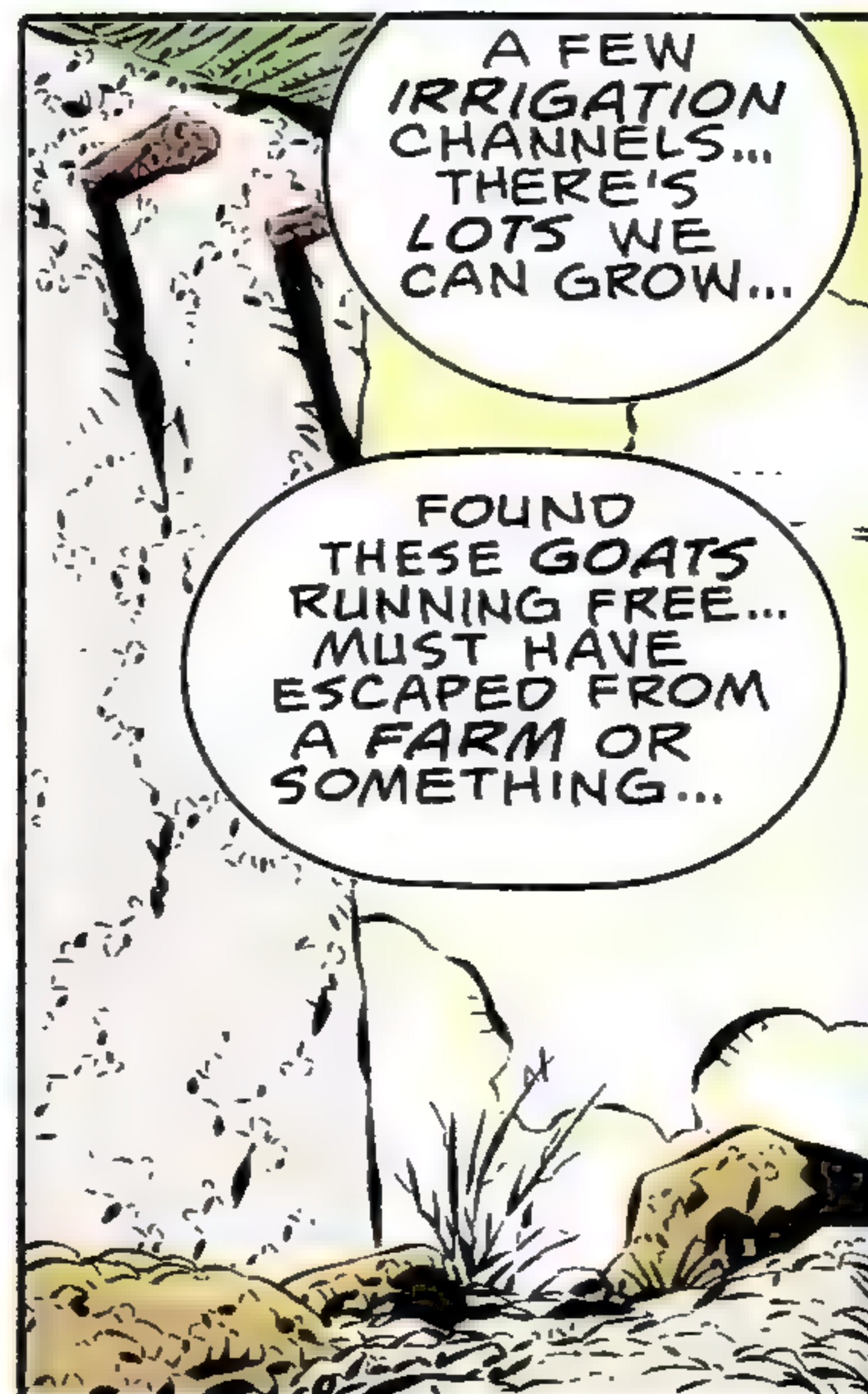


...OH MAN
...OH MAN...

IT WAS ONLY A DREAM, JO. IT WASN'T REAL. YOU'RE HERE. YOU'RE SAFE WITH ME.

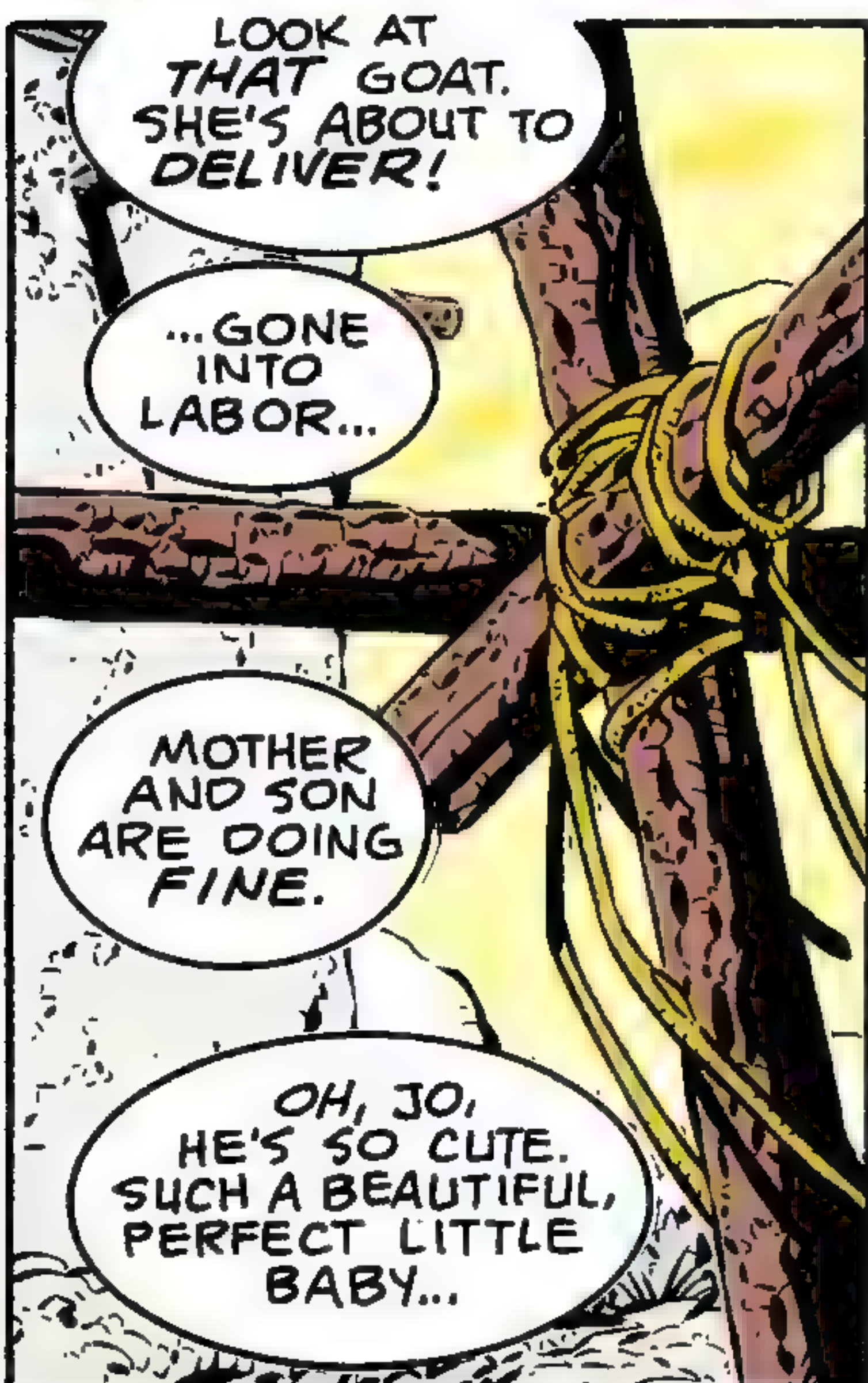
I...I CAN'T... I CAN'T STOP SHAKING...

I'VE GOT YOU, JO. I WON'T LET GO. I PROMISE.



A FEW IRRIGATION CHANNELS... THERE'S LOTS WE CAN GROW...

FOUND THESE GOATS RUNNING FREE... MUST HAVE ESCAPED FROM A FARM OR SOMETHING...



LOOK AT THAT GOAT. SHE'S ABOUT TO DELIVER!

...GONE INTO LABOR...

MOTHER AND SON ARE DOING FINE.

OH, JO, HE'S SO CUTE. SUCH A BEAUTIFUL, PERFECT LITTLE BABY...



...WASN'T IT WONDERFUL?

YEAH. IT ALMOST MAKES ME WISH WE COULD...WELL, Y'KNOW...

UH... JO, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THE RIGHT TIME TO TELL YOU SOMETHING...

WHAT?

I THINK WE MAY ALREADY BE...WELL... Y'KNOW...



YOU'RE KIDDING!

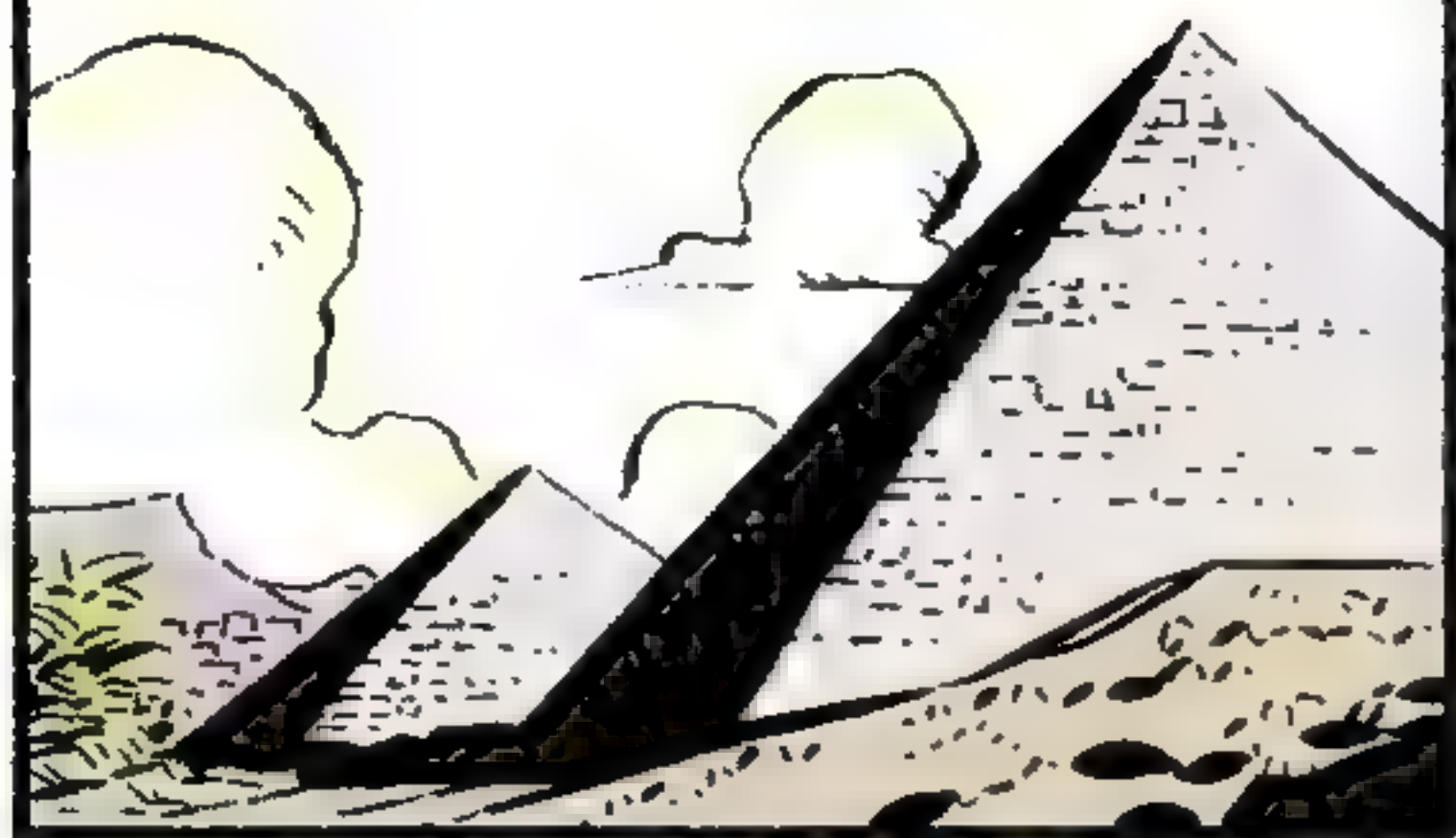
OH, WOW! OH, ASHERYA, THIS IS INCREDIBLE!

HMMMMM

THE CAPITAL CITY...

<THEY'VE BEEN TOGETHER FOR TWO MONTHS?!>

<YES, YOUR DIVINITY. I HAVE BEEN OBSERVING THEM CLOSELY.>



<SHE IS WORKING TO GET HIS ABSOLUTE TRUST.>

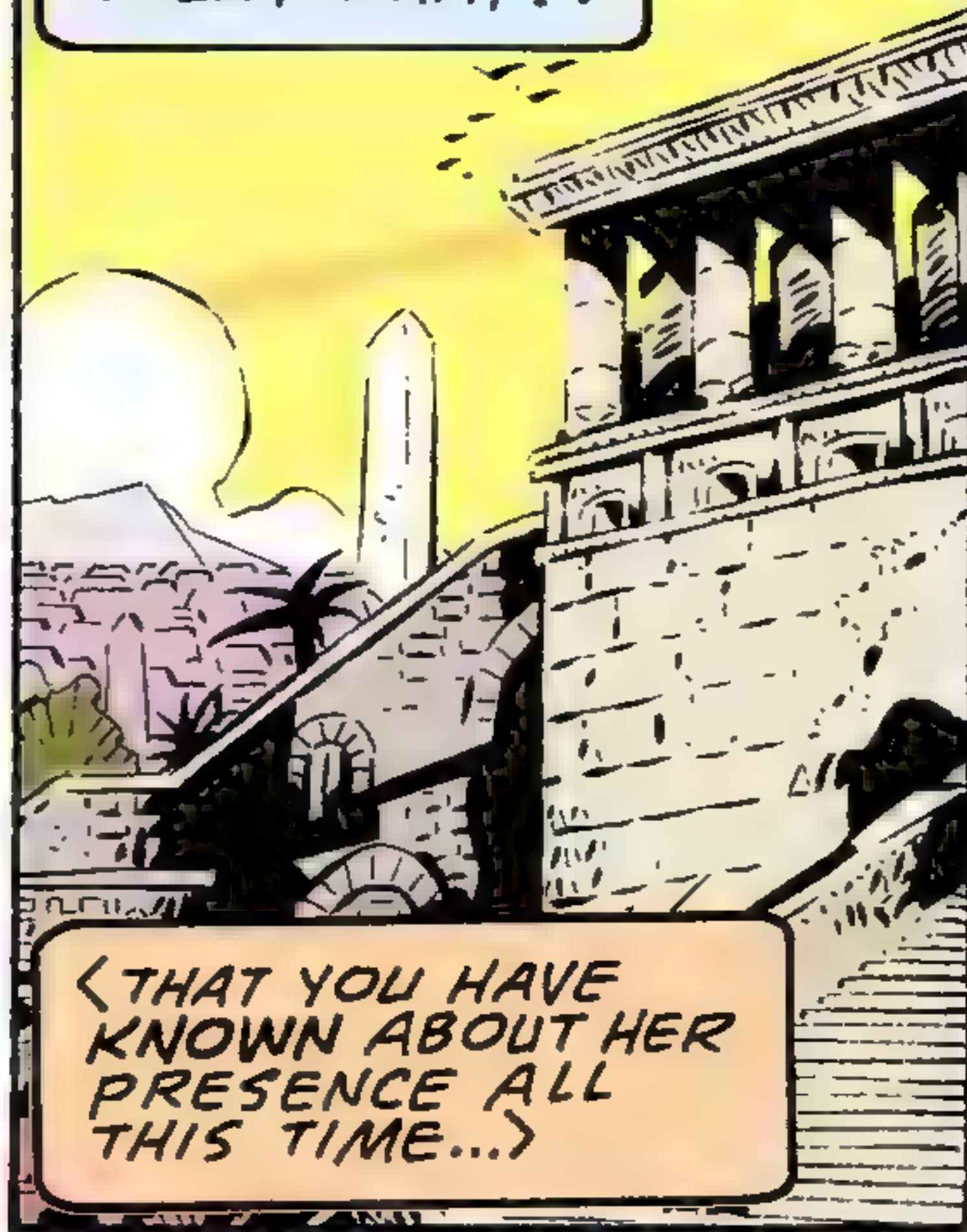
<I BELIEVE SHE INTENDS TO USE HIM AS A CONDUIT FOR HER CONFEDERATES.>



<SO YOU DO NOT DENY IT?>

<DENY WHAT?>

<THAT YOU HAVE KNOWN ABOUT HER PRESENCE ALL THIS TIME...>



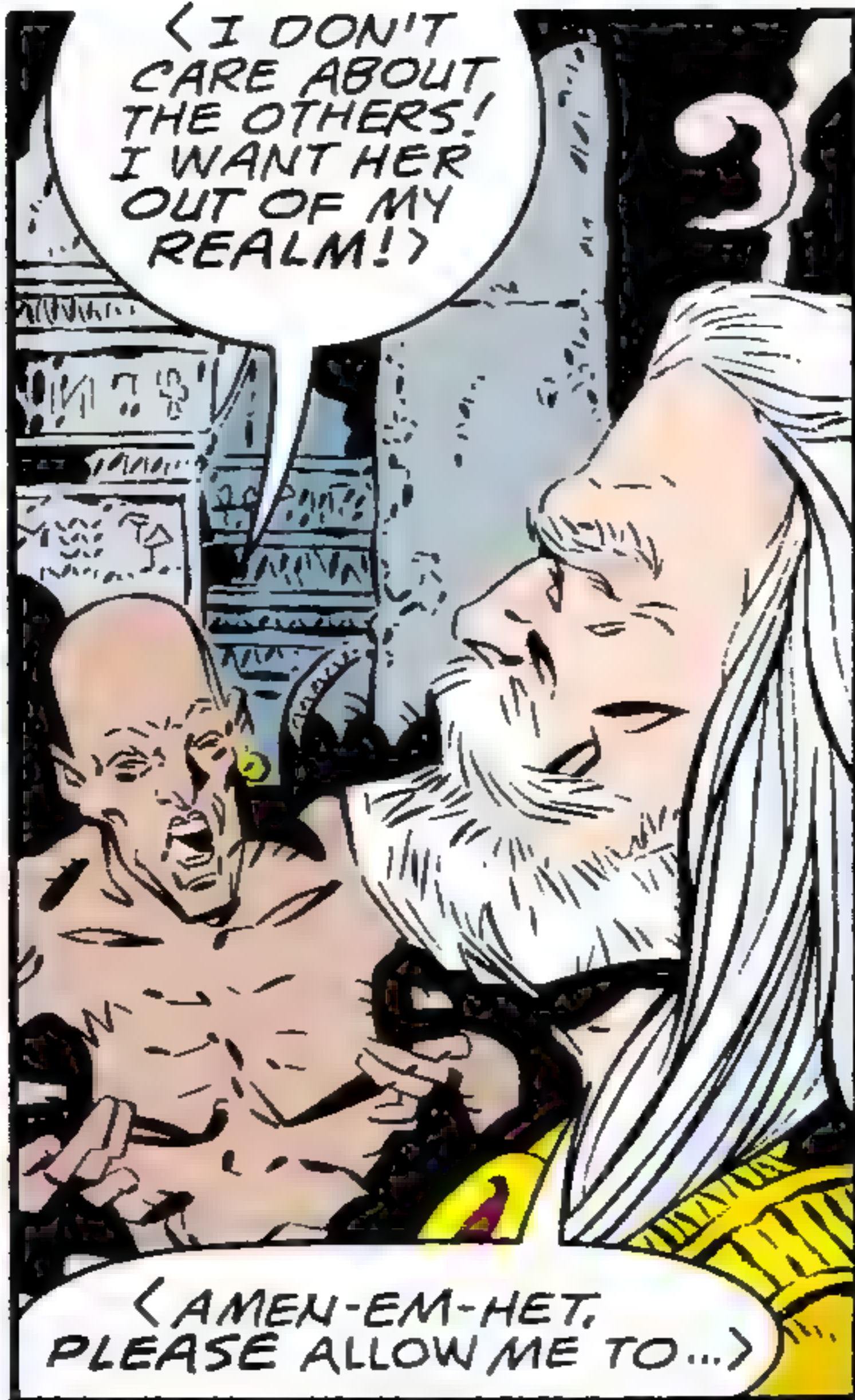
<AND FAILED TO ACT.>

<YOUR DIVINITY, SHE MAY LEAD US TO THE OTHERS.>



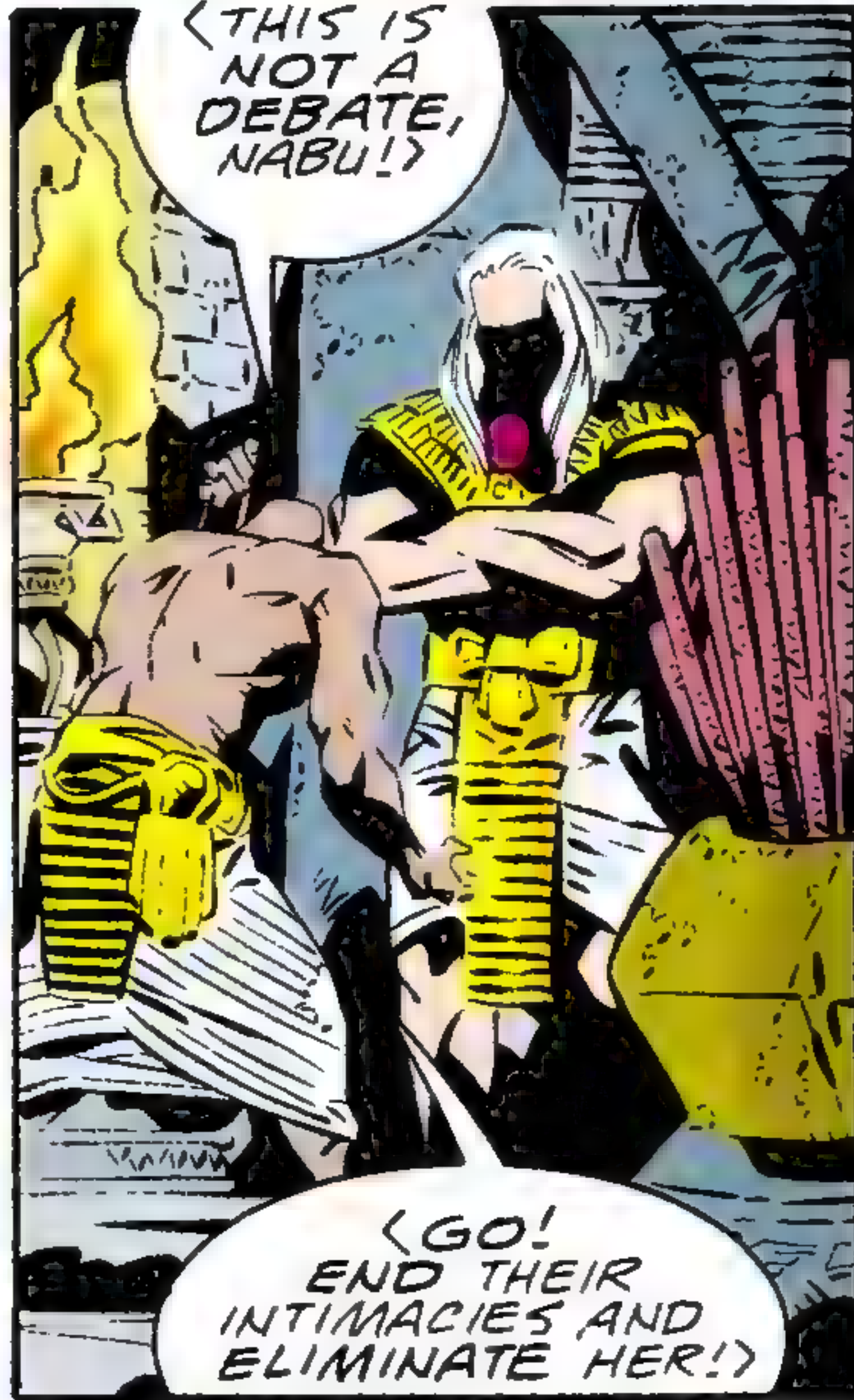
<I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE OTHERS! I WANT HER OUT OF MY REALM!>

<AMEN-EM-HET, PLEASE ALLOW ME TO...>



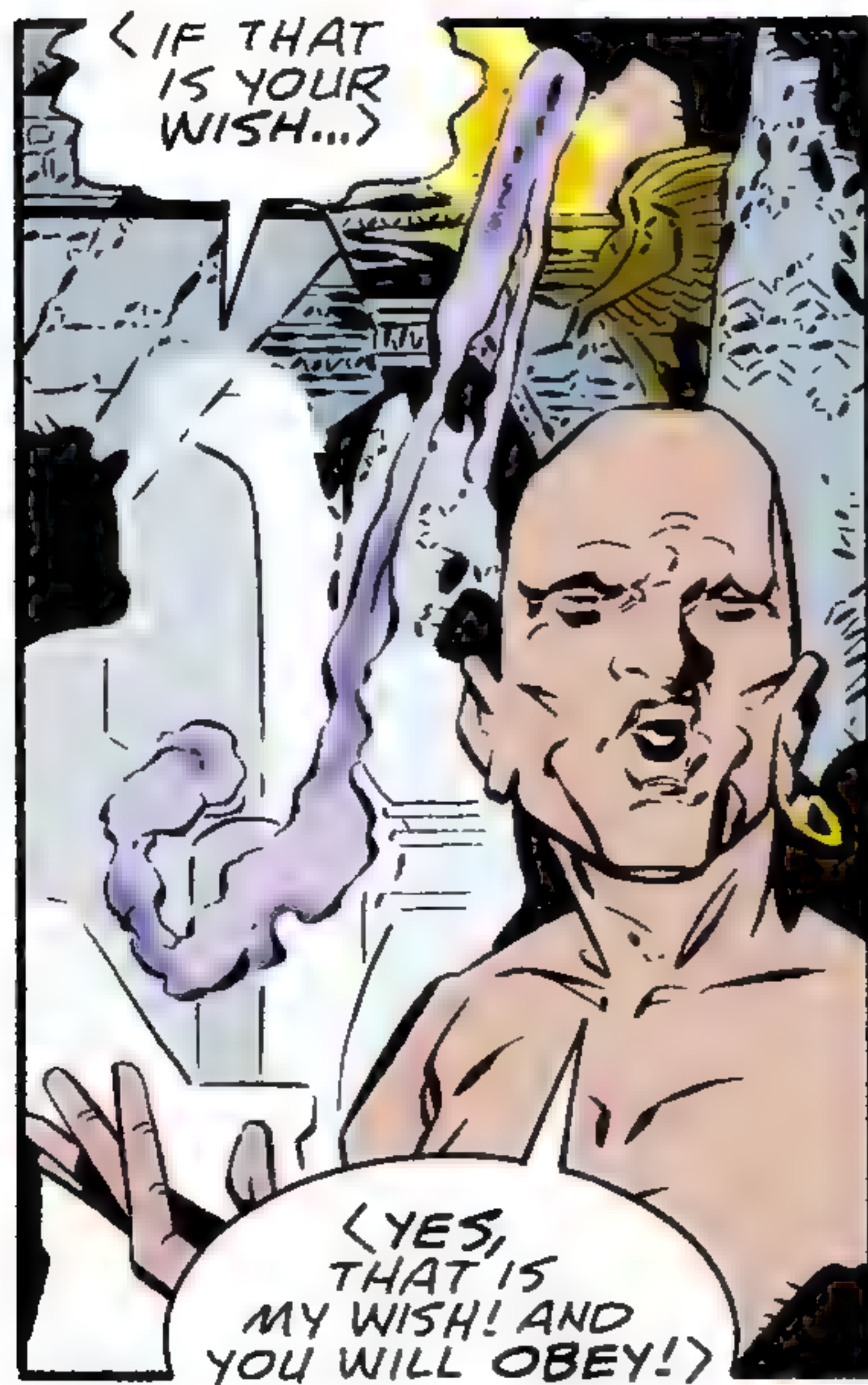
<THIS IS NOT A DEBATE, NABU!>

<GO! END THEIR INTIMACIES AND ELIMINATE HER!>

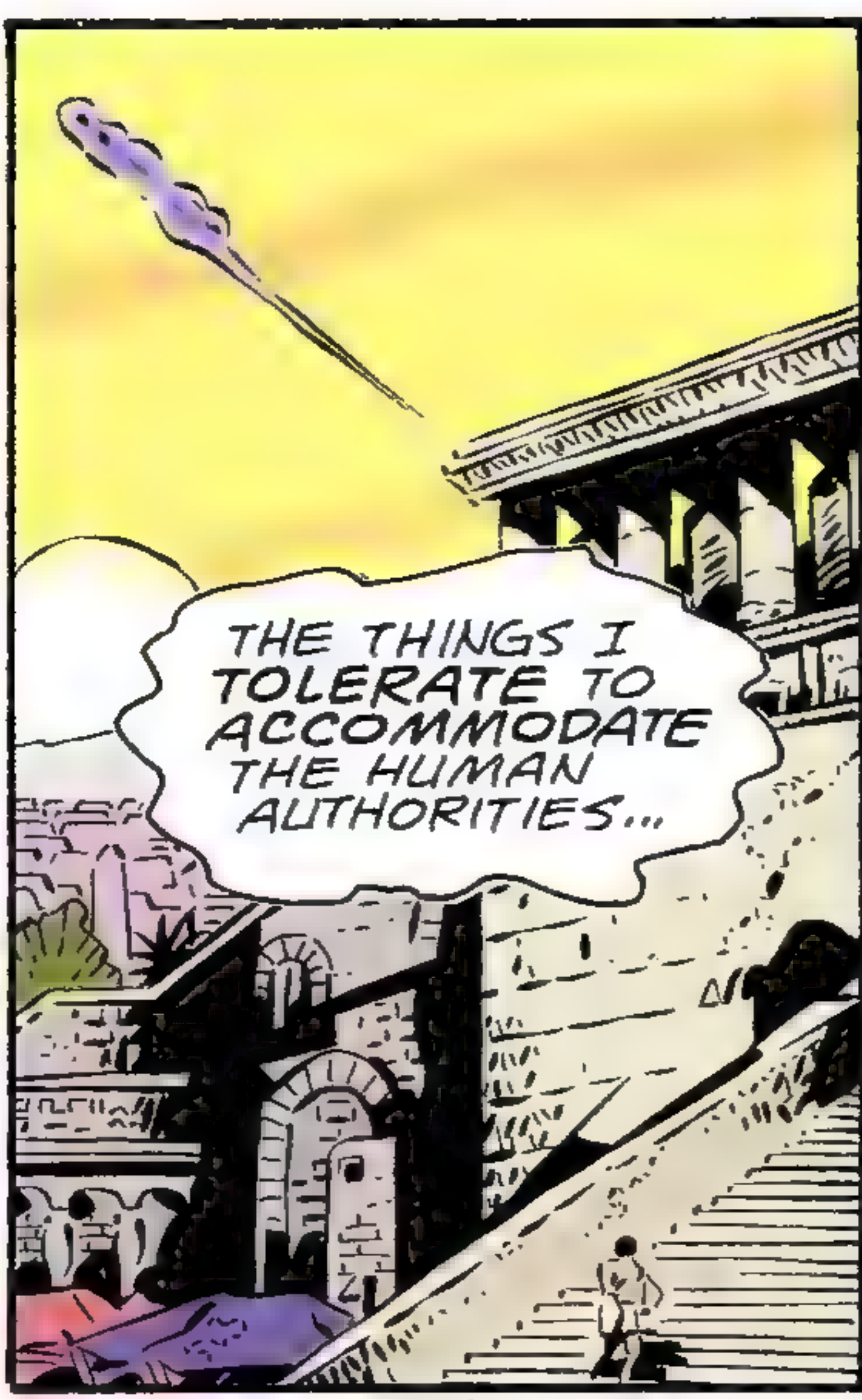


<IF THAT IS YOUR WISH...>

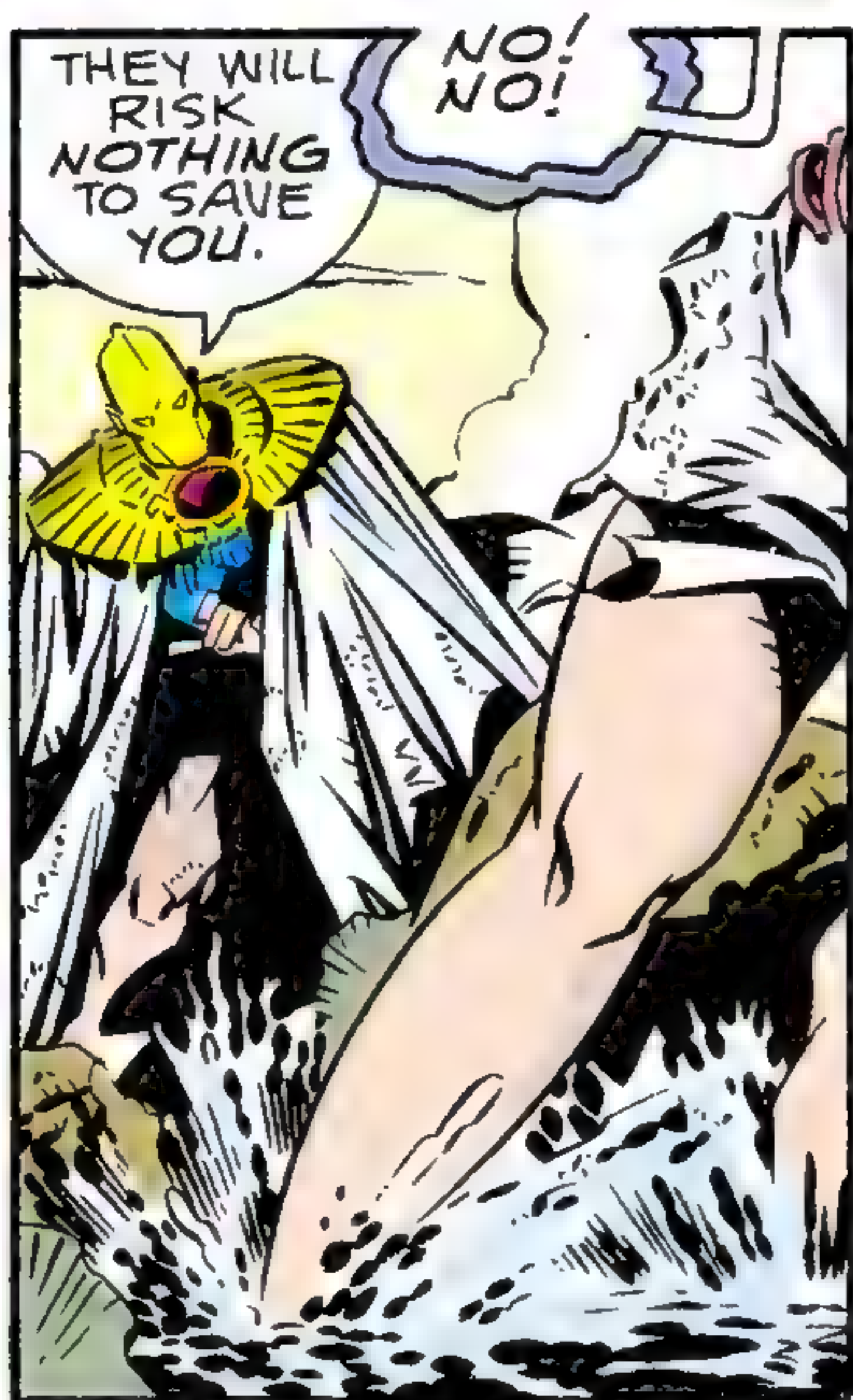
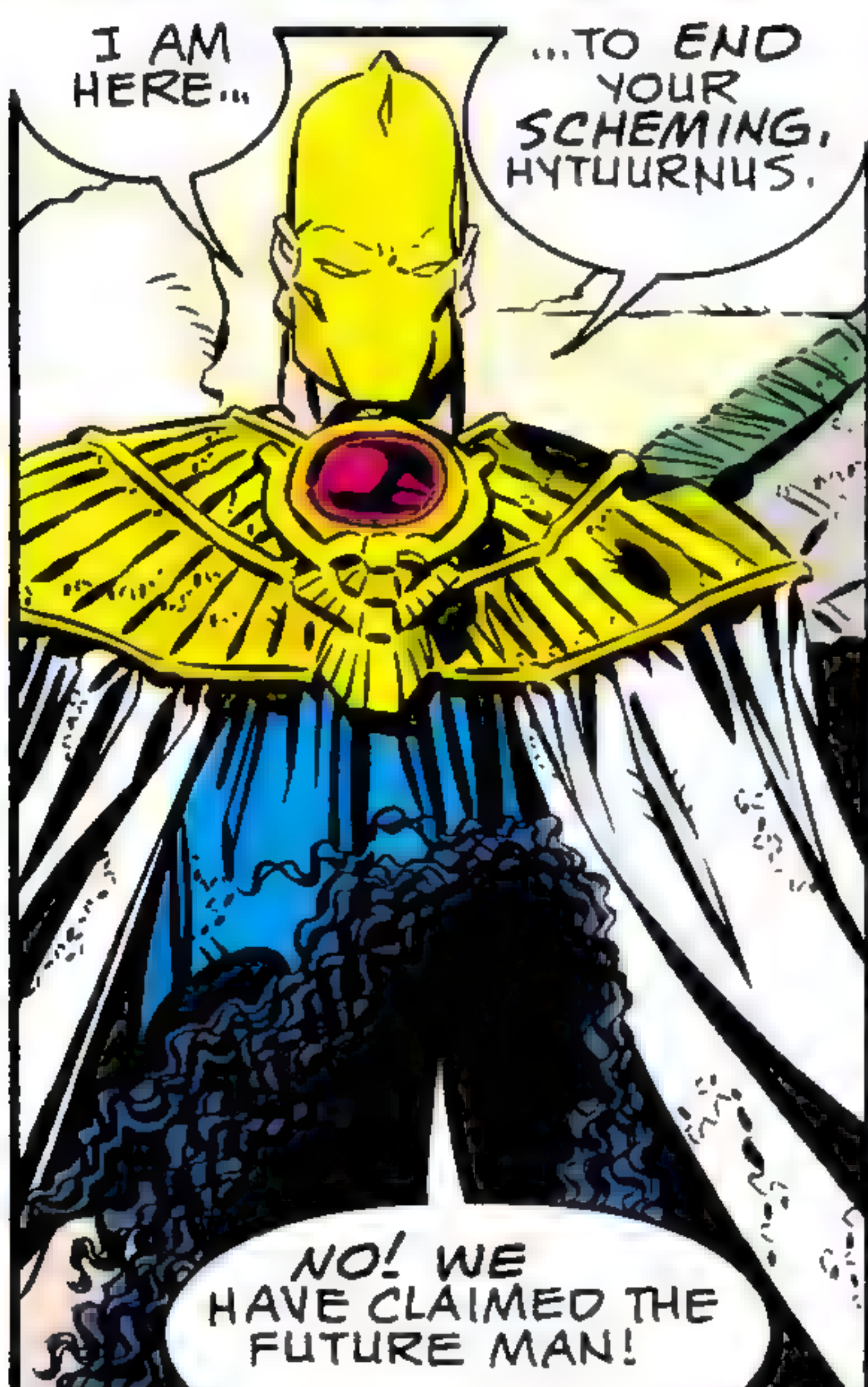
<YES, THAT IS MY WISH! AND YOU WILL OBEY!>

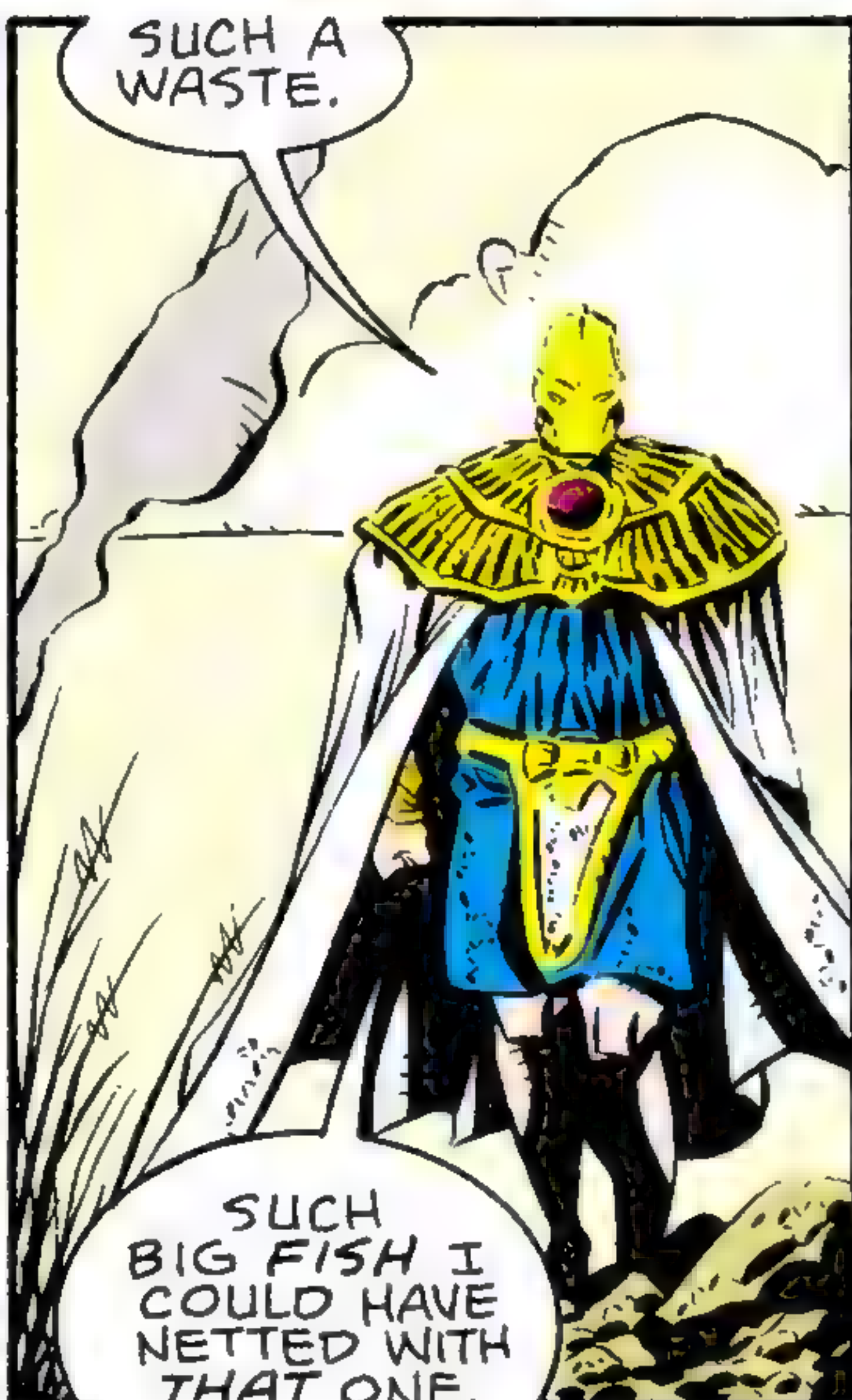
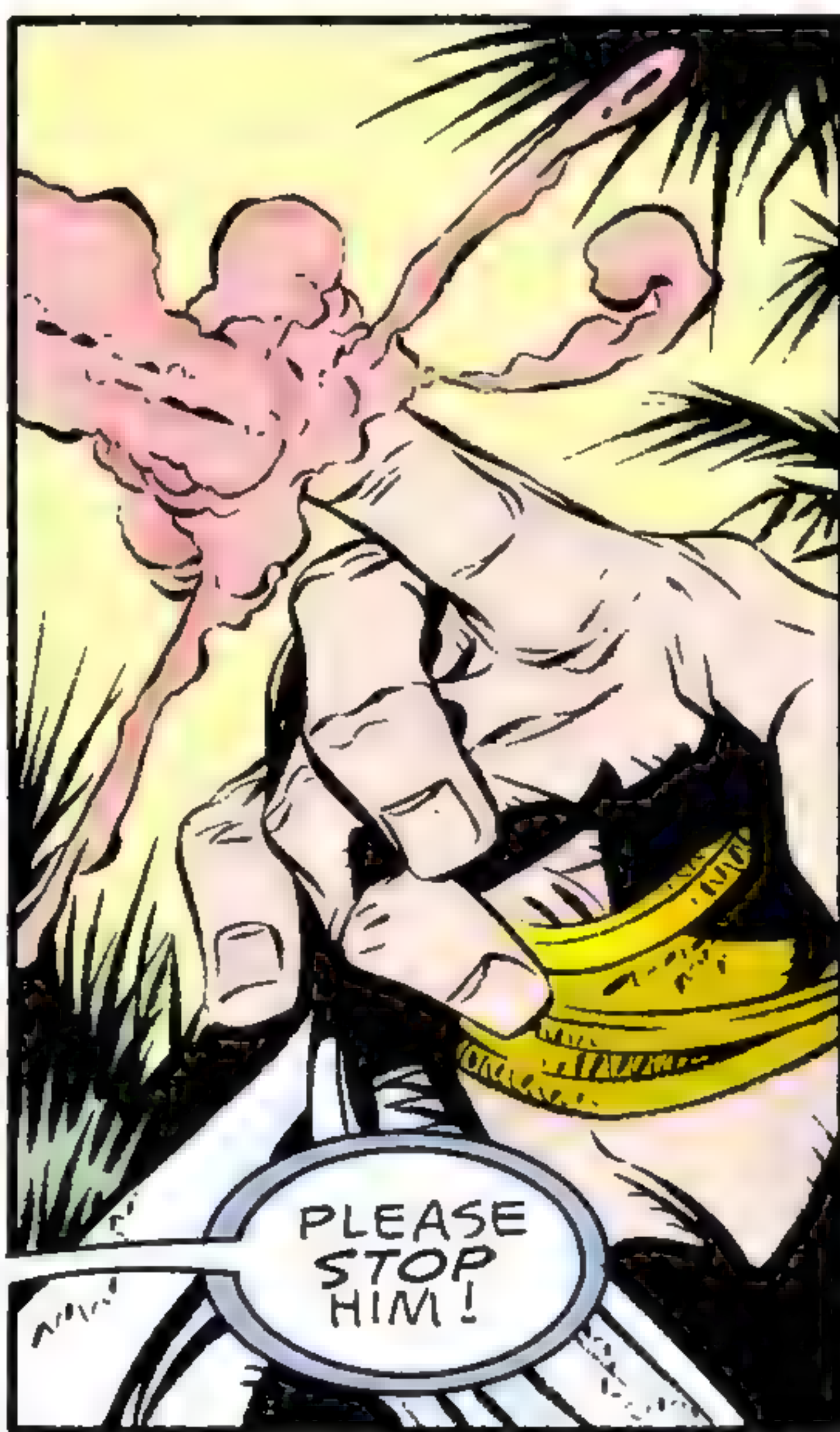
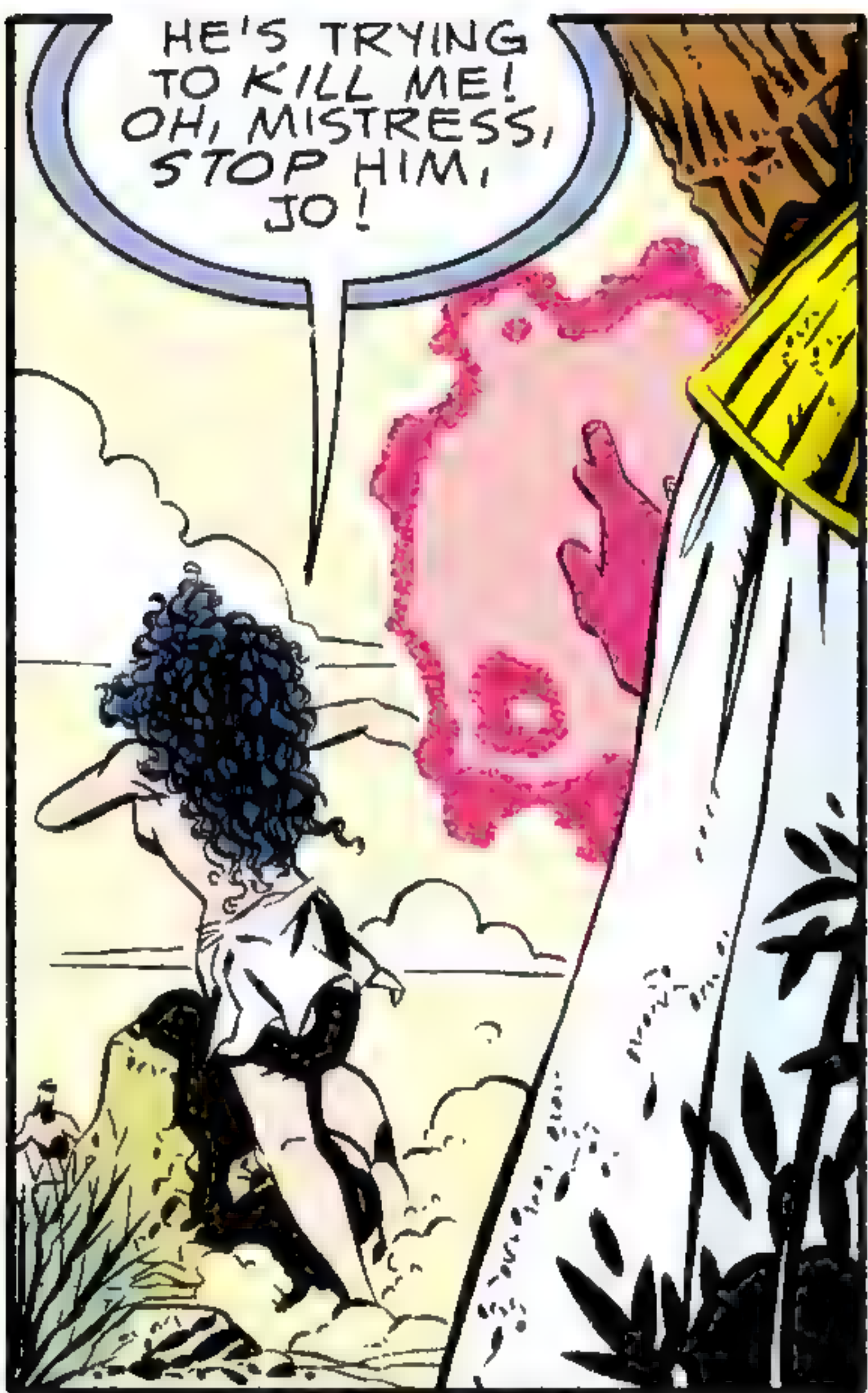


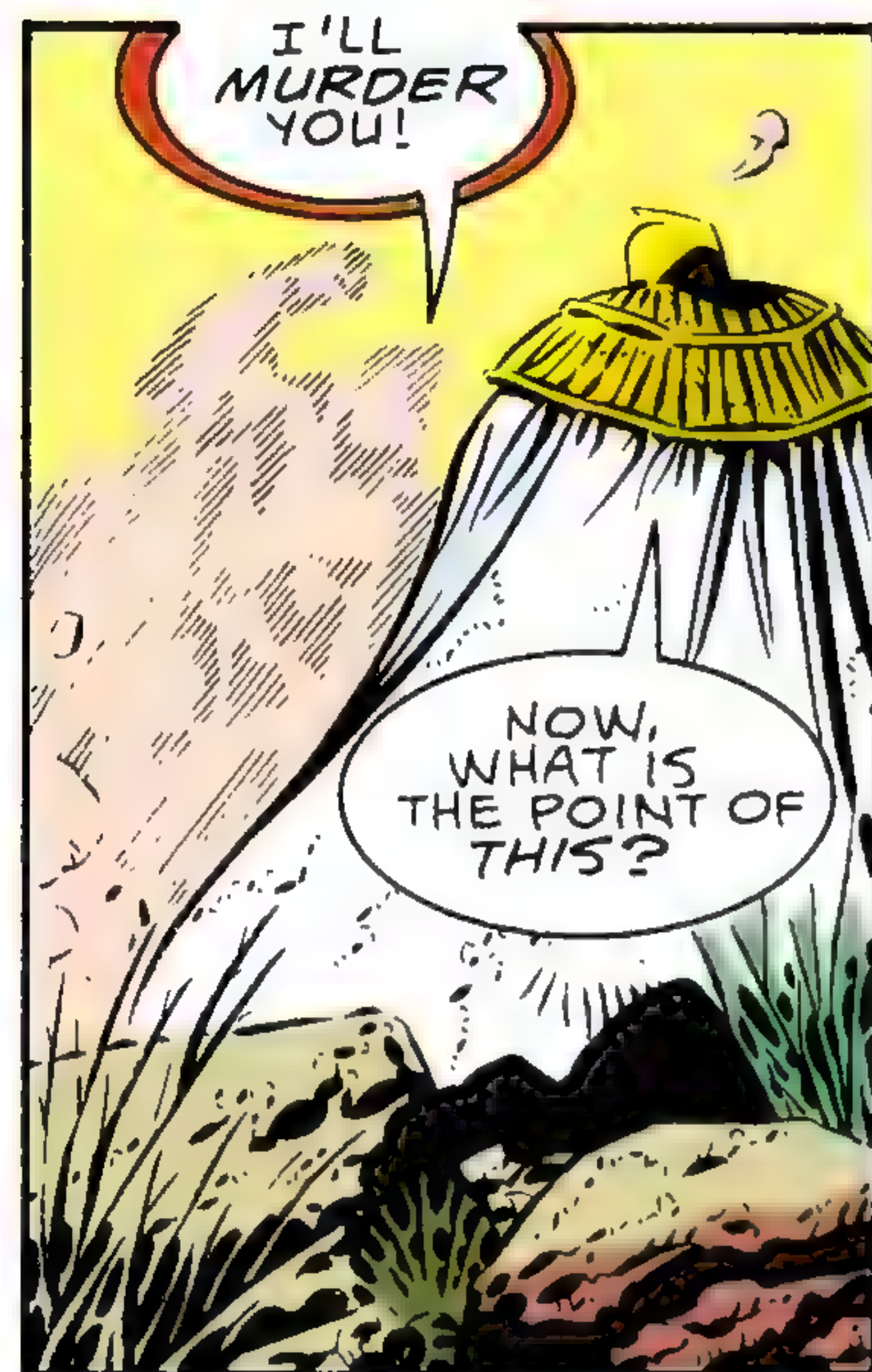
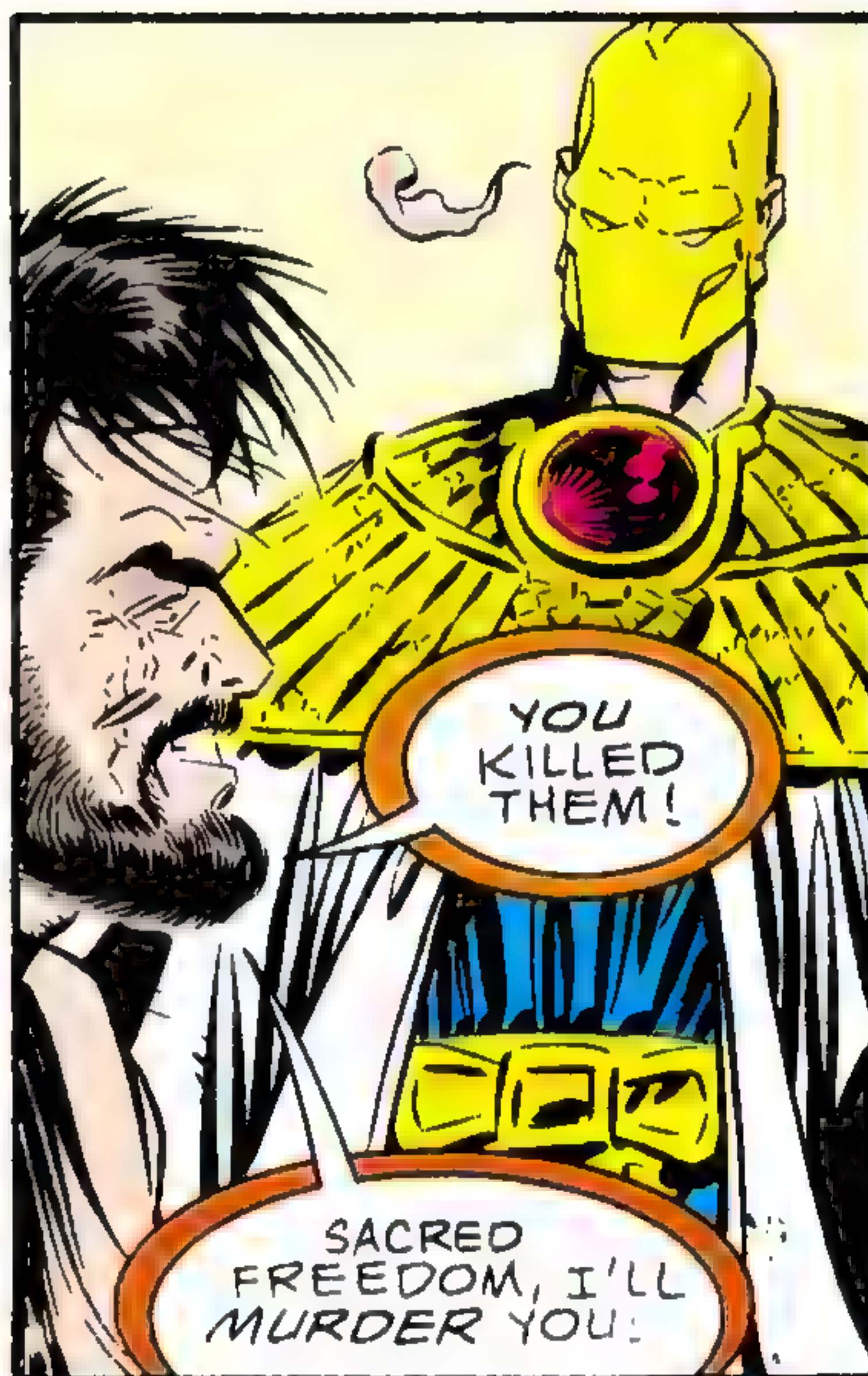
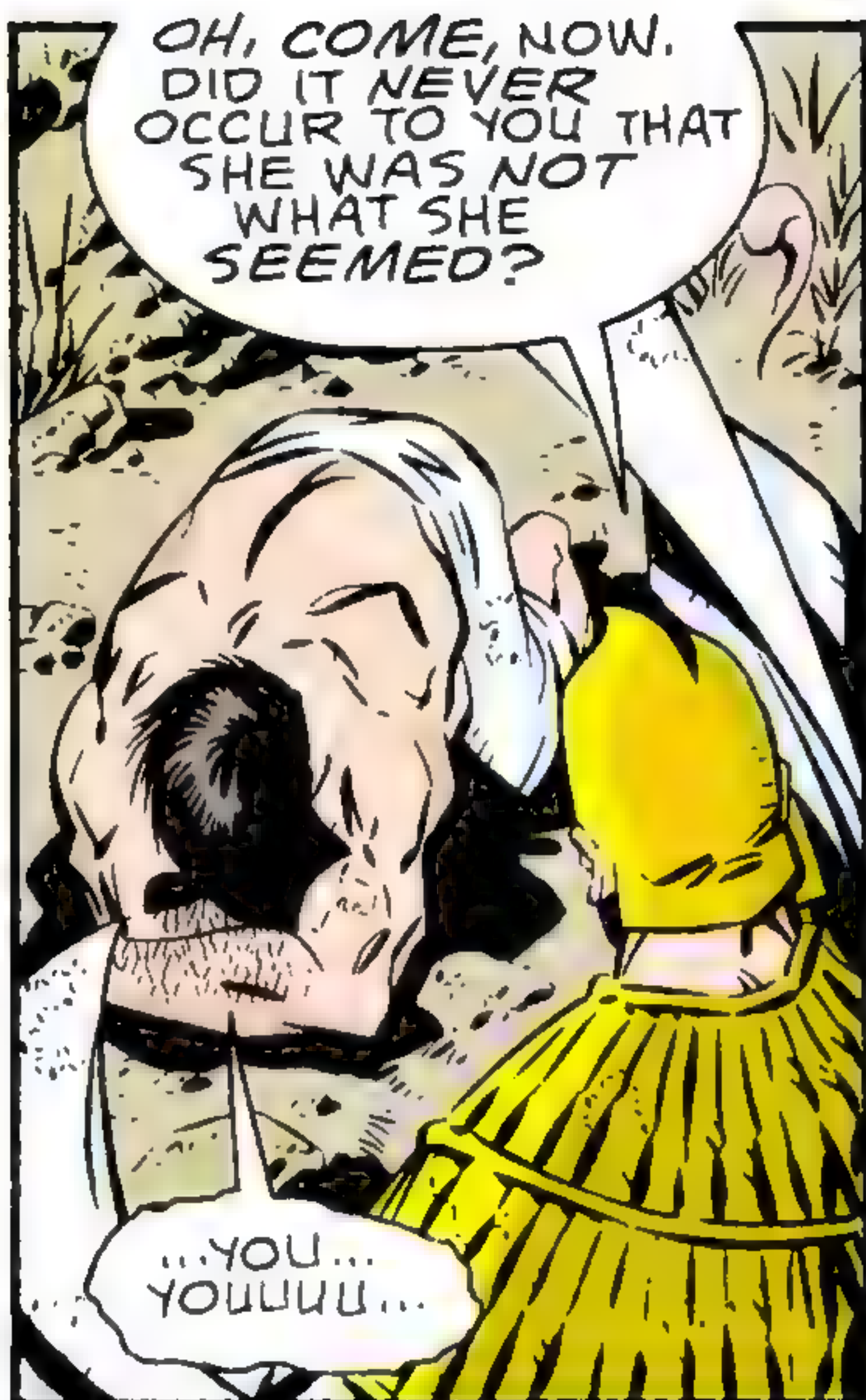
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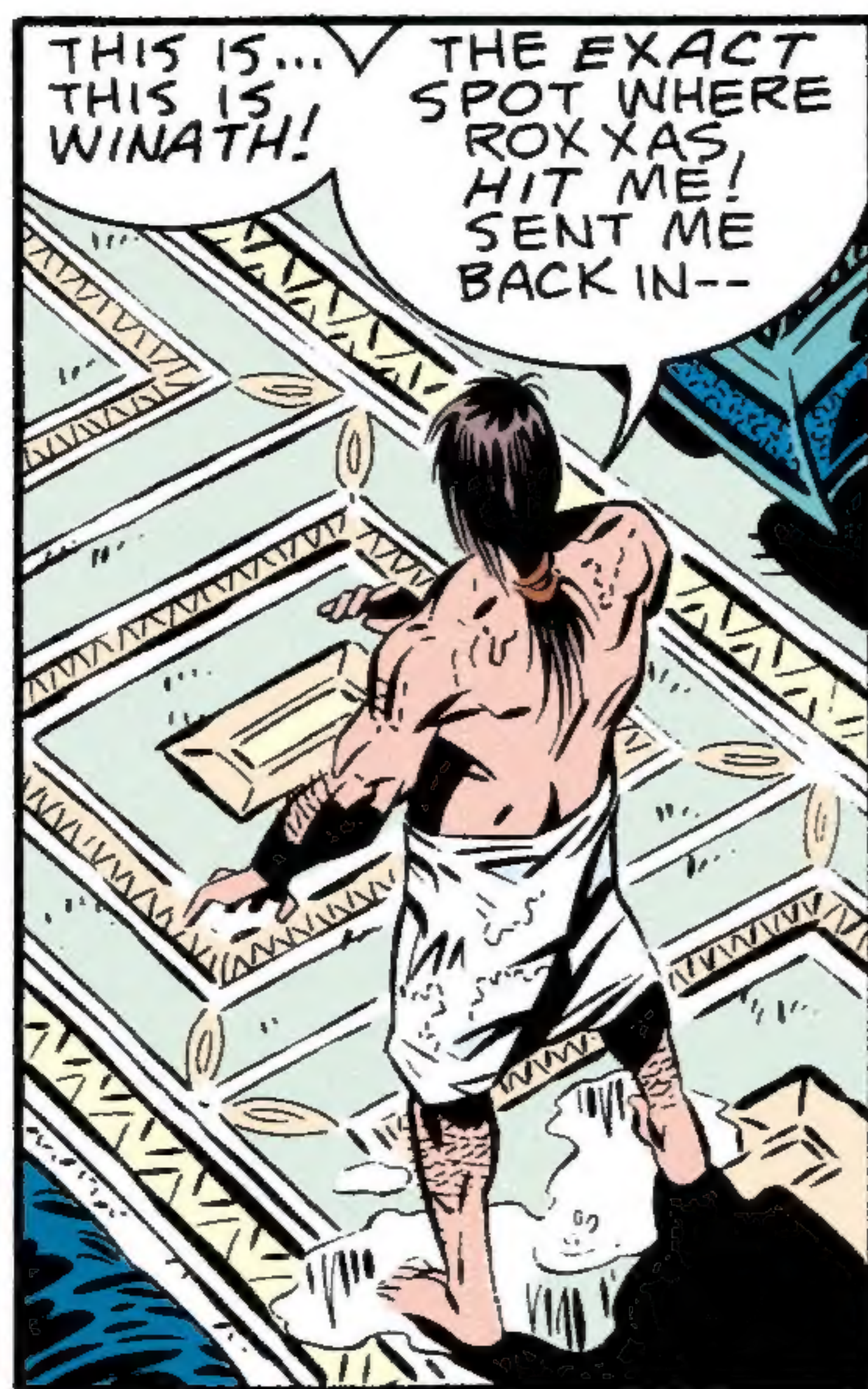
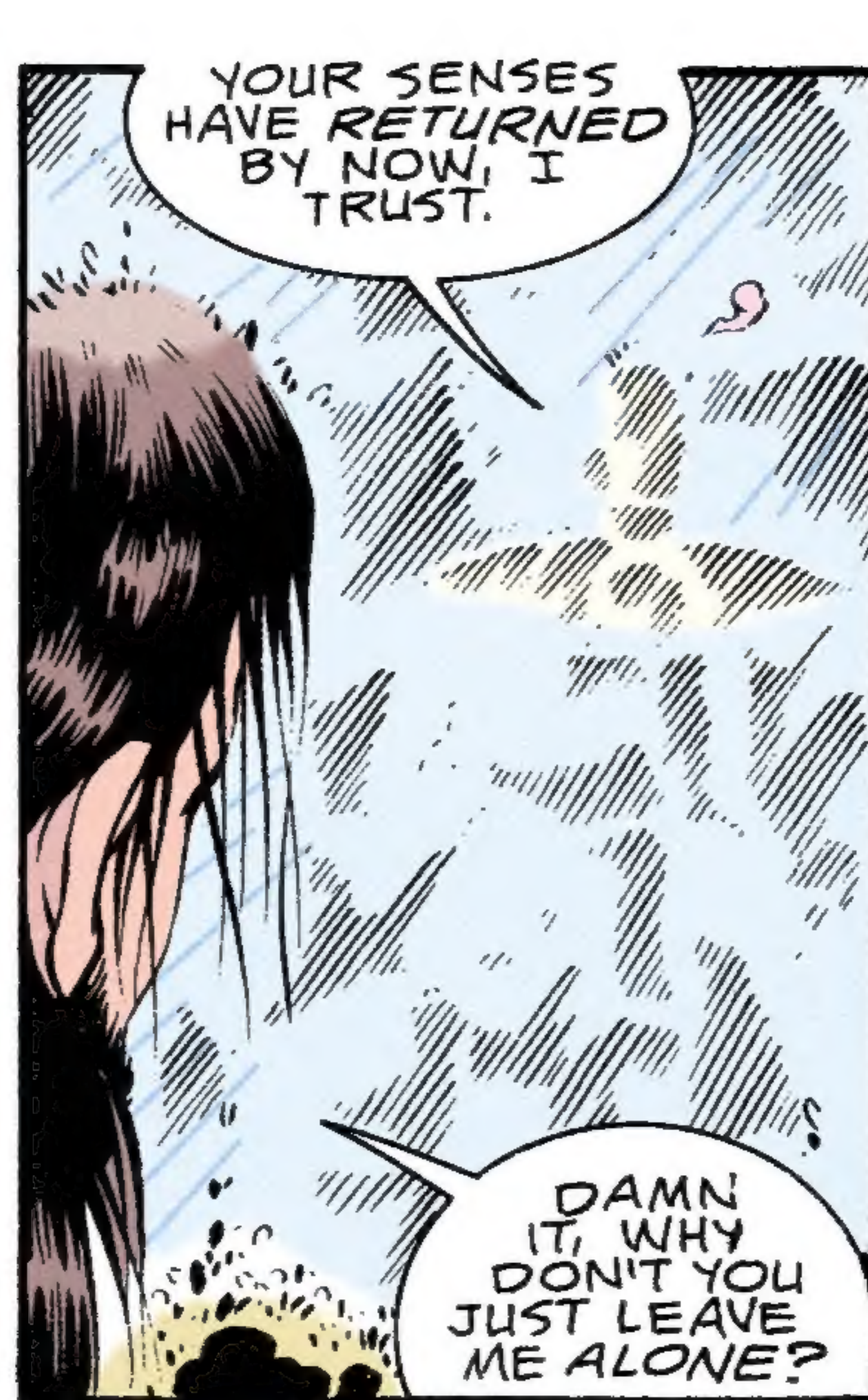
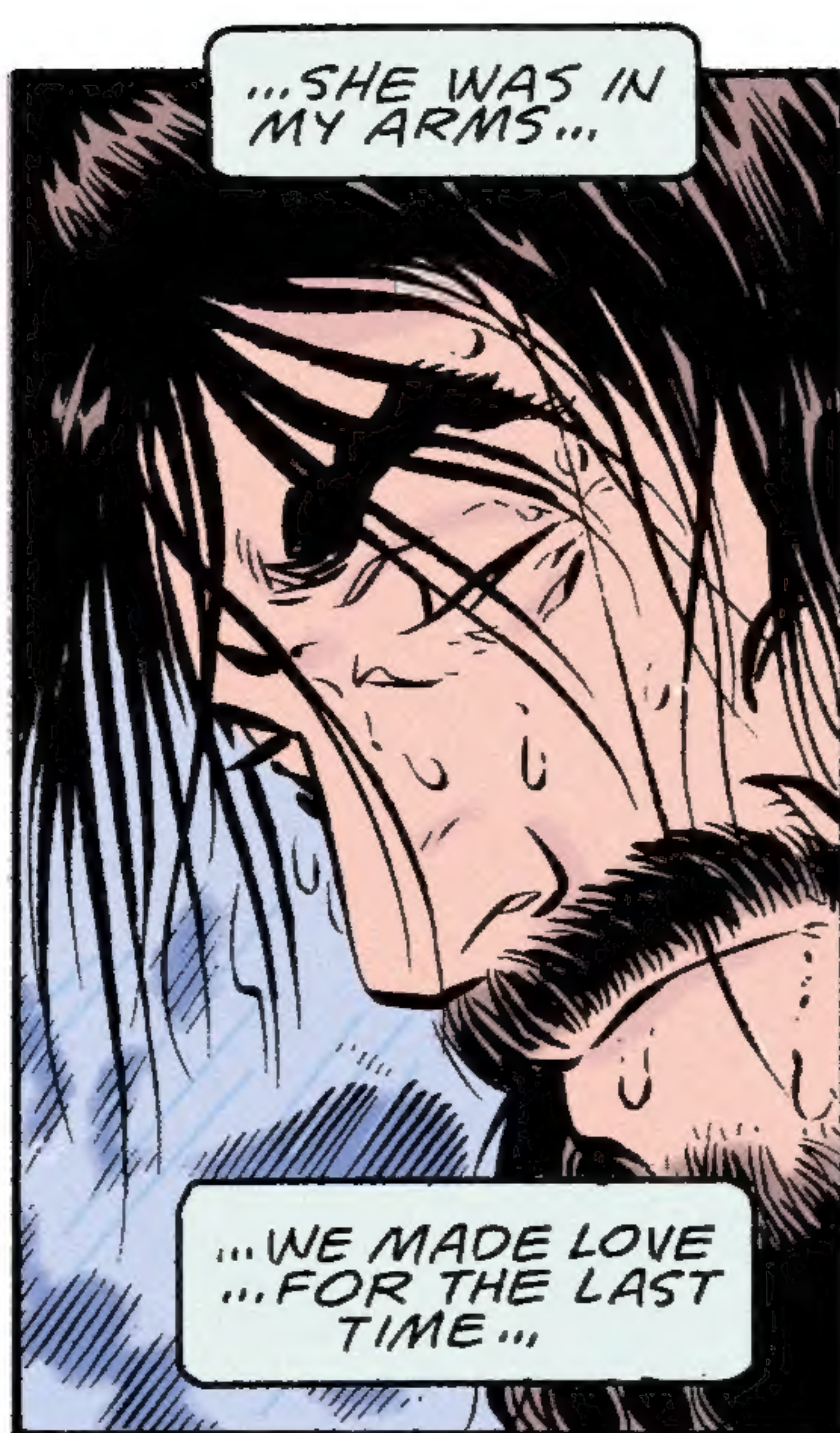


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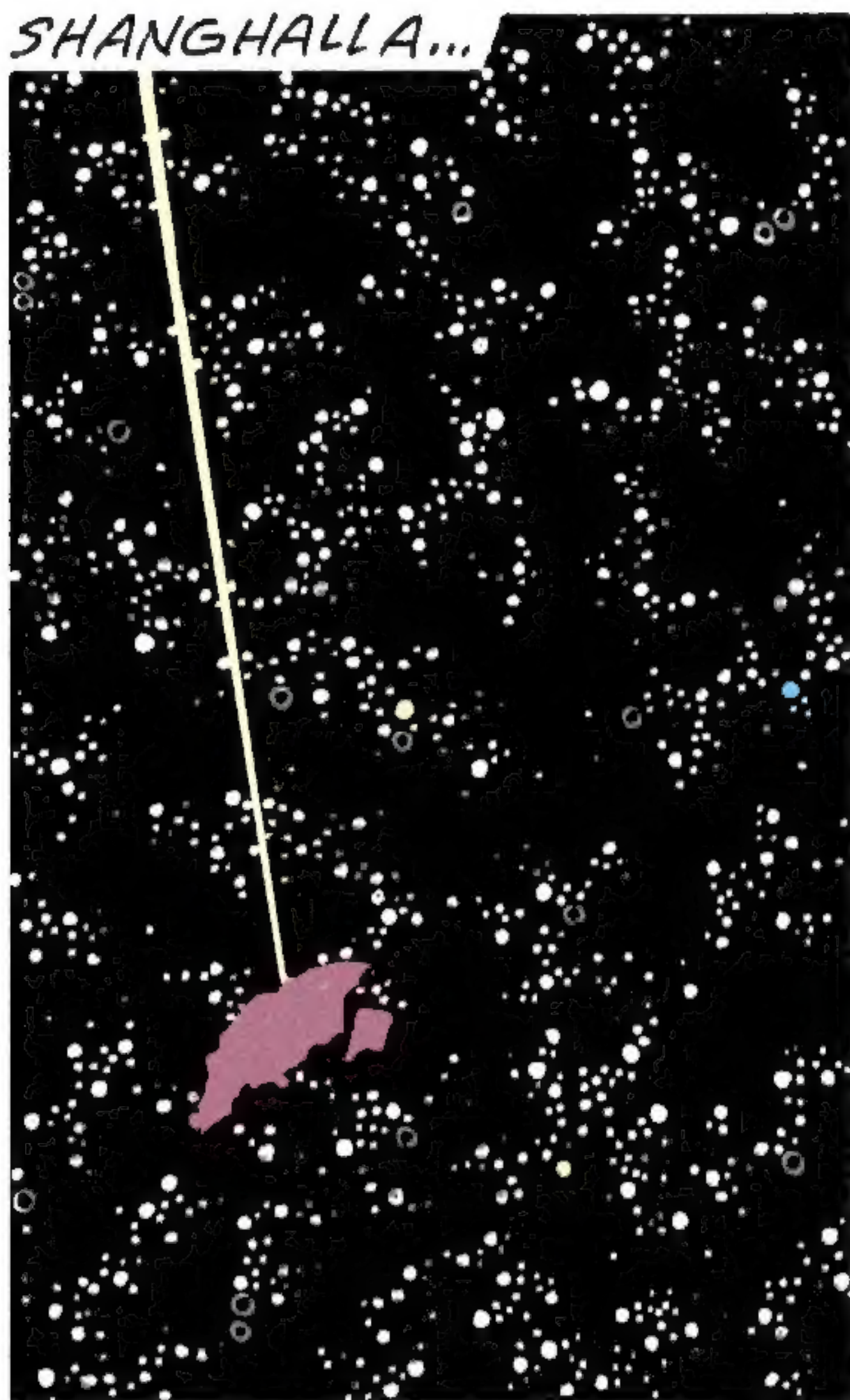








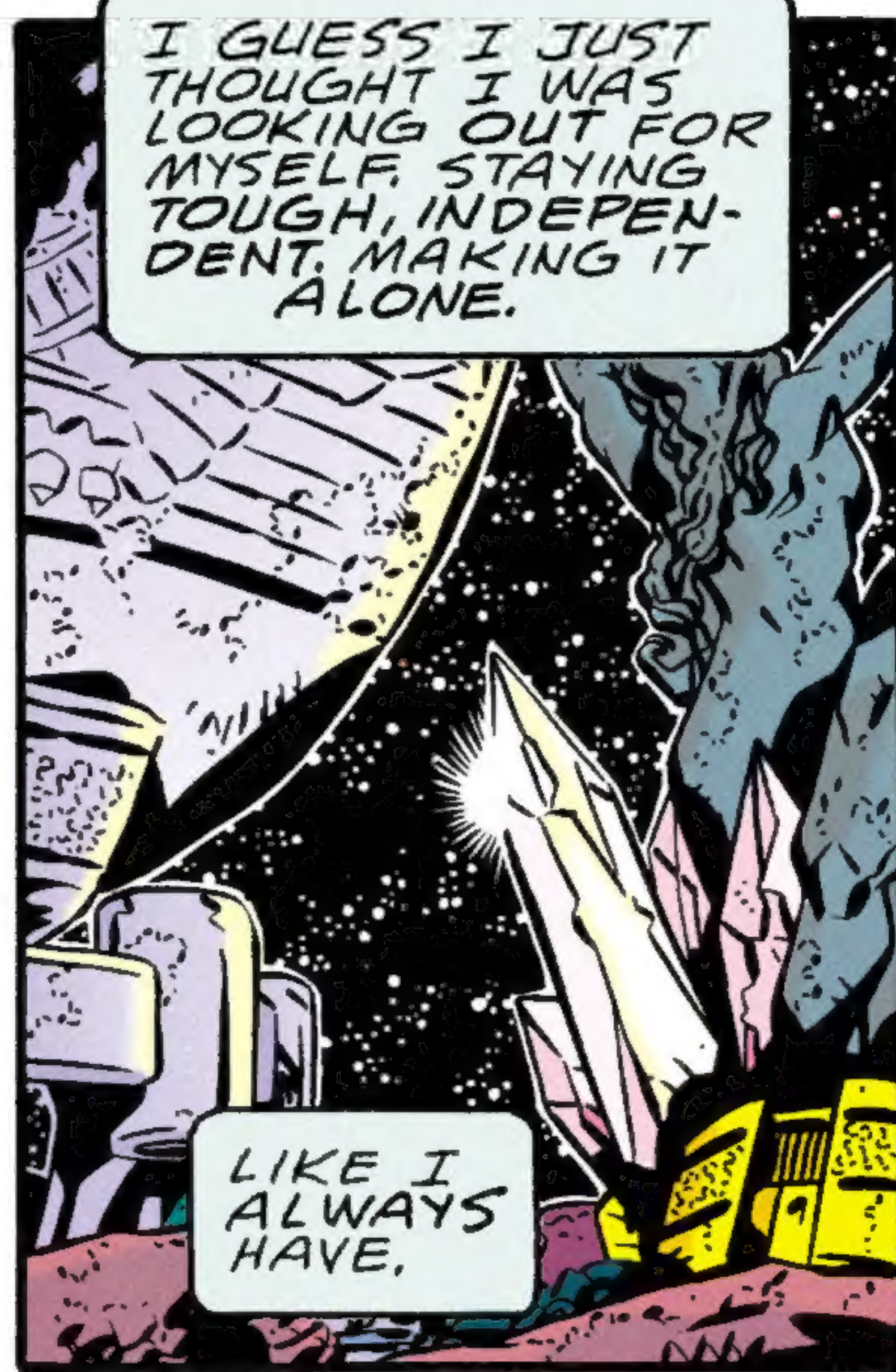
SHANGHALLA...



I DON'T KNOW
WHY I NEVER
CRIED.



I GUESS I JUST
THOUGHT I WAS
LOOKING OUT FOR
MYSELF, STAYING
TOUGH, INDEPEN-
DENT, MAKING IT
ALONE.



LIKE I
ALWAYS
HAVE.

BLOODY GRIFE, WHO
WAS I KIDDING?
THAT STUFF'S FOR
STONE-HEADED
PUNKS.



I NEED PEOPLE.
I NEED YOU.

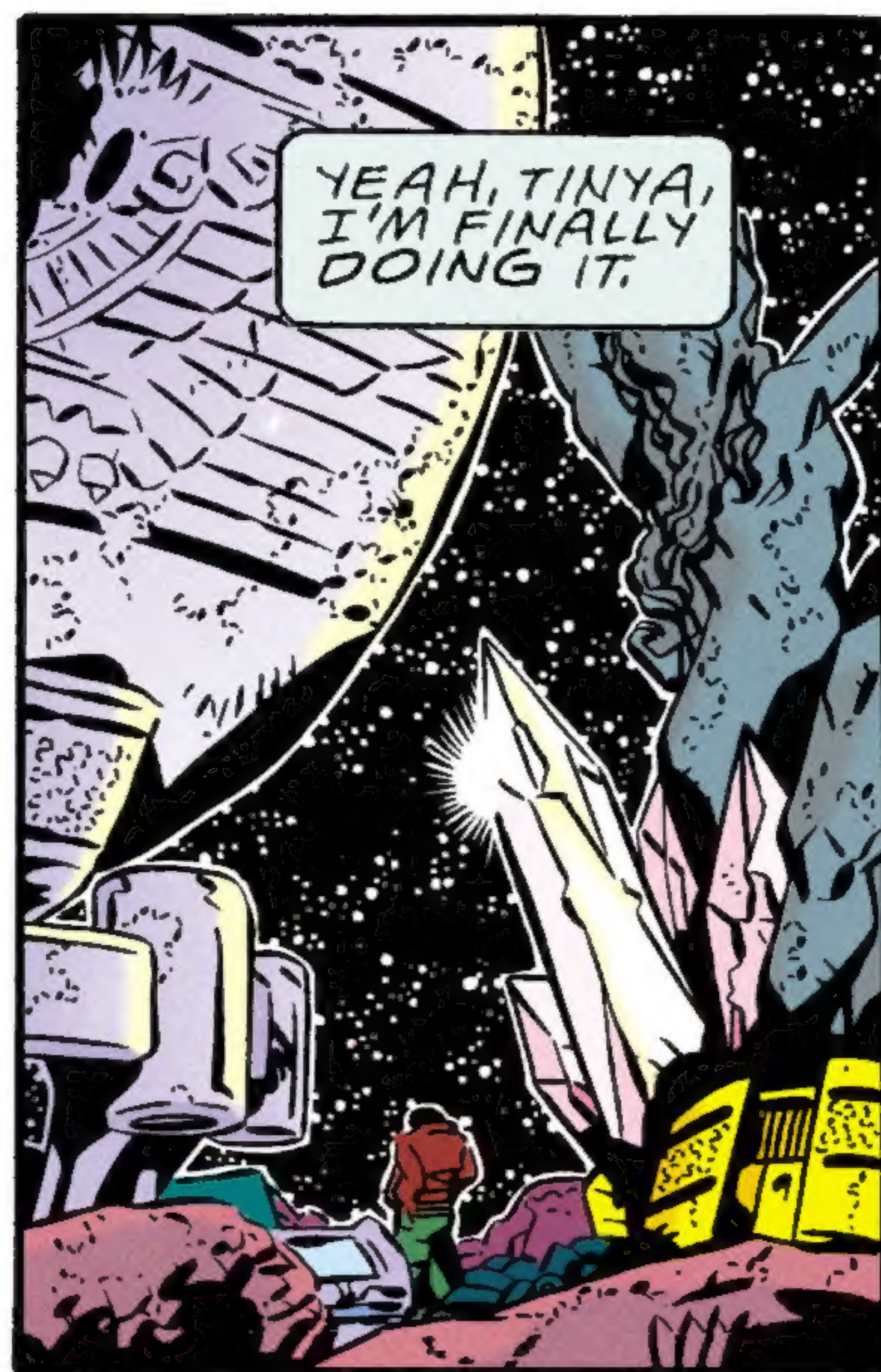
I GUESS I'M
FINALLY READY
TO FACE UP
TO THAT.



TO MOVE ON.

TO LET
GO OF
YOU.

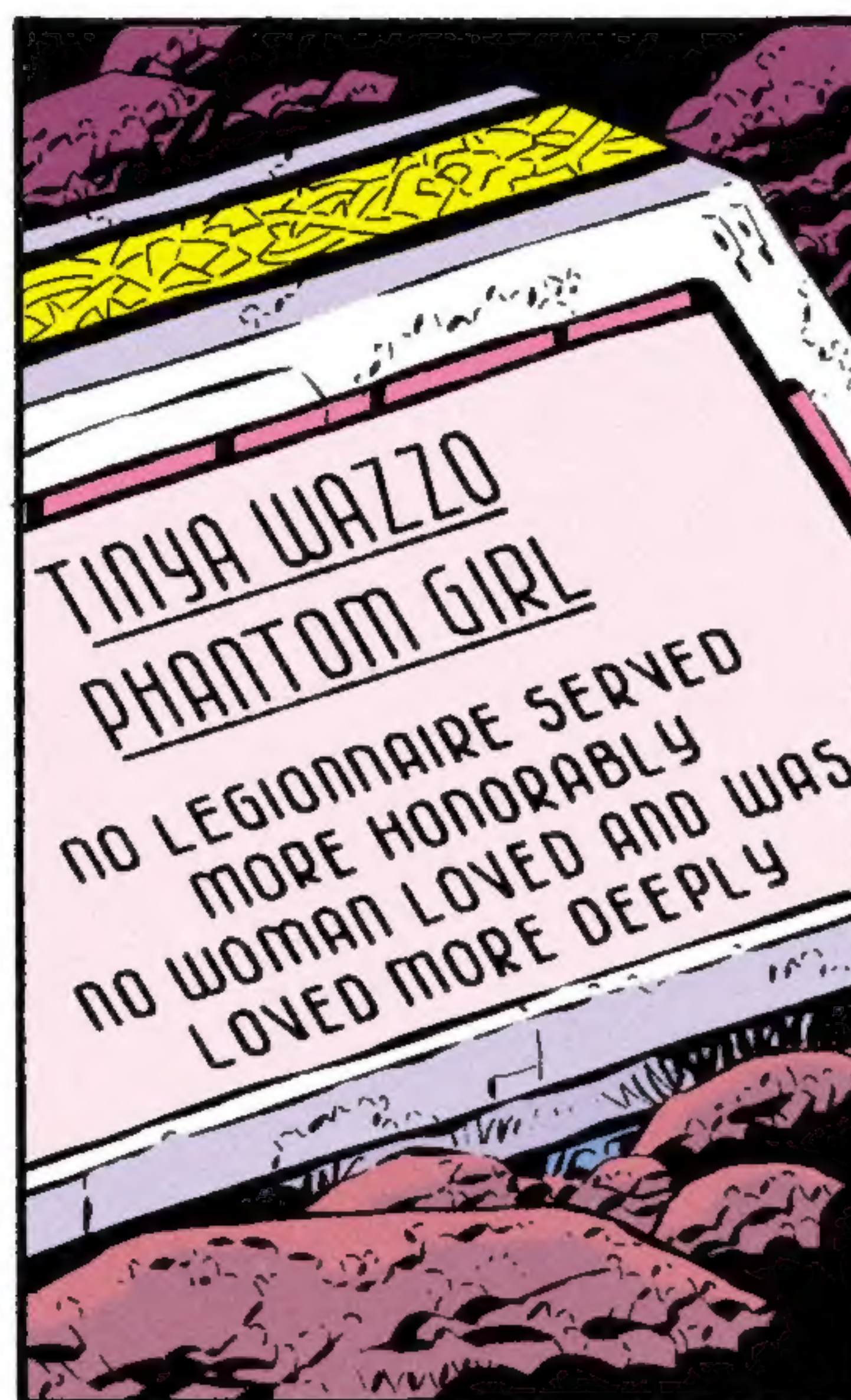
YEAH, TINYA,
I'M FINALLY
DOING IT.



FINALLY CRYING
FOR YOU.



FINALLY SAYING
GOOD-BYE.



TINYA WAZZO
PHANTOM GIRL

NO LEGIONNAIRE SERVED
MORE HONORABLY
NO WOMAN LOVED AND WAS
LOVED MORE DEEPLY

KEITH GIFFEN
STORY & PENCILS
TOM & MARY
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STORY ASSIST
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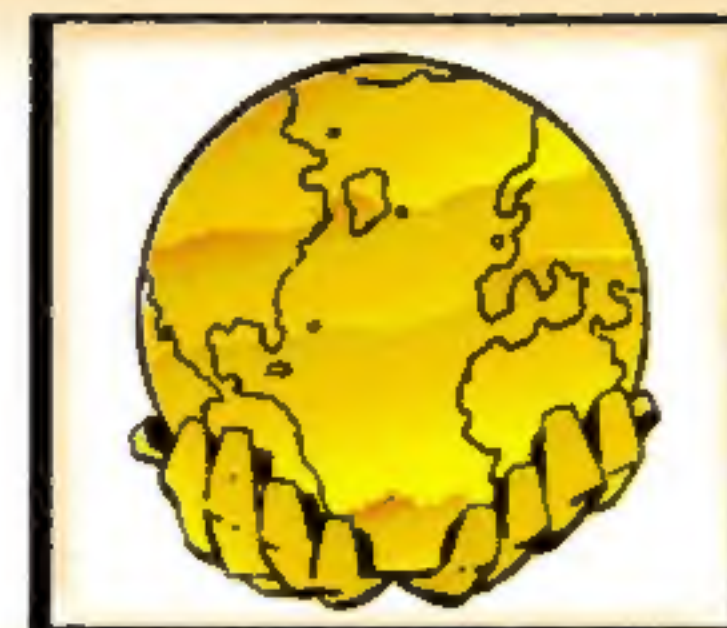
DAN RASPLER
EDITOR



TO: Executive Officer Circe, Science Police Earth, Eyes Only

FROM: Captain Lenn O'Connor

CODE GOLD, SCRAMBLED. STRICTEST SECURITY



Ma'am:

As instructed, I have conducted an unofficial inquiry into the disastrous events of this week and, as you anticipated, have found that the representatives of the Dominion have not revealed the full truth of what has transpired.

It appears to be true that the destruction of Luna was not triggered by the Dominion representatives on Earth, at least not intentionally. My information is that the Dominators were ill-prepared for the disaster and survived more out of circumstance than out of design.

There is little doubt, however, among the Militia Joint Chiefs, the ECC brass and the Executive Branch that the Luna-Destruct mechanism *and* the program that shut down all Earth defenses *and* the detonation of the powerspheres were all part of a master Dominion attack program known by the code name "Triple Strike."

Sources within the ECC suggest that the Dominator representatives on Earth were in the process of gaining authorization to use "Triple Strike" themselves in the event that anti-Earthgov unrest failed to subside.

It is believed the Luna-Detonation sequence had been planted as long ago as the mid- to late-'70s by Dominator agents. More recently the Dominators who are allegedly running Earthgov are believed to have added two sequences to that original program, one to deactivate terrestrial defense systems (systems that would otherwise minimize the damage of a Lunar detonation), and the other to destroy the planet's powerspheres to compound the destruction and chaos.

In summary, informed sources all seem to believe the Dominators did not expect this disaster and apparently did not trigger it, but the disaster is fully attributable to weapons they designed and planted in order to control and punish Earth.

As you know, official Earthgov channels are denying any Dominion connection whatsoever to the disaster, but there is now little reason to believe those statements are completely candid.

Unfortunately we currently have no information on what specifically triggered the Triple Strike program if the Dominators did not; however, the ECC surveillance people are said to be circulating a satellite holo of the lunar detonation that supposedly includes a "bombshell" piece of visual evidence indicating what may have set off the event. I have yet to secure a dupe of that holo but am currently pursuing sources that might make that possible. I will keep you apprised.

I would also be remiss if I did not pass on the general sentiment I am picking up among our officers and many of our colleagues in the Militia, the ECC and the Executive Branch.

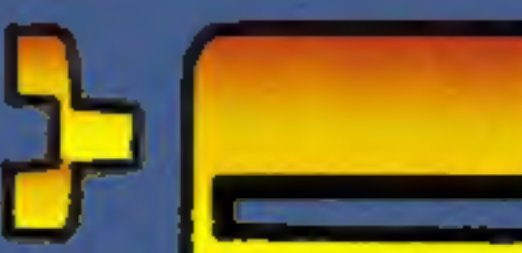
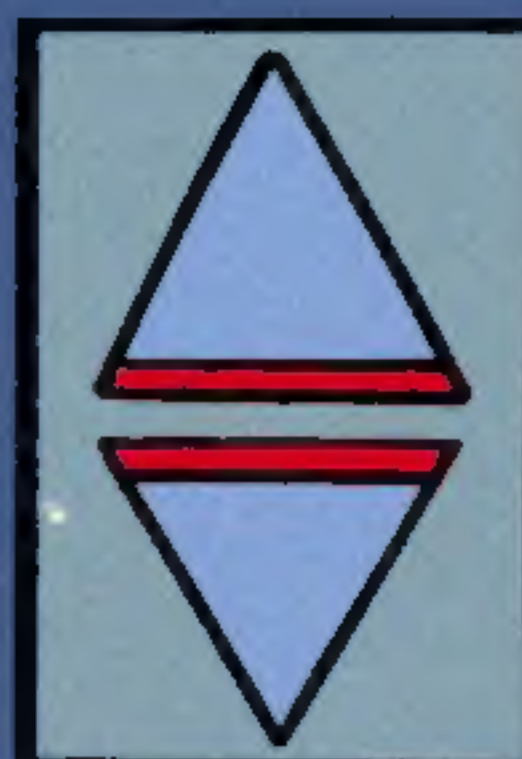
There is a strong feeling that the rank and file of Science Police Earth has been lied to and manipulated by their superiors, by Earthgov, and most especially by the Dominion representatives on Earth. Few of us joined the SPE to enforce an alien-dominated government willing to risk the lives of billions of humans to maintain their hold on this planet.

Further, many SPE officers believe the Dominion representatives took no steps to protect us during the disaster and in fact deliberately withheld information about the magnitude and expected course of the disaster that could have saved the lives of hundreds of officers.

I believe a situation of open revolt among our ranks is now possible and that all upper-echelon officers, such as yourself, who do not clearly establish their opposition to an alien-dominated Earthgov, may be at extreme risk in such a revolt.

I hope I am not speaking out of line.

I will report again in 24 hours, making use of the pre-selected encryption program.



From Baaldur, with love...

GLORITH

